

Armenians stage protest

MOSCOW, Nov 9, (Reuters): Tens of thousands of Soviet Armenians staged a national protest over what they regard as lost territory at Monday's Bolshevik Revolution anniversary parade in Yerevan, eyewitnesses said today.

Foreigners who were in the republican capital for the anniversary said the protesters blocked the city's central Lenin Square for well over three hours chanting their demands.

"It was difficult to believe you were in the Soviet Union," said one Westerner who asked not to be identified. "There were the Armenian leaders on the podium and all these people chanting at them."

The tourists said the protesters marched into the square in columns in what initially appeared to be the traditional civilian march-past following a parade of tanks and other military equipment.

Israel tried to kill Arafat

TUNIS, Nov 9, (UPI): Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat, speaking shortly before an Arab newspaper published a report of a mysterious attack on one of his aides, disclosed that Israel tried to assassinate him recently.

"The Israelis have been trying to kill me for long time," Arafat told a group of four Western reporters at his Tunis nerve centre last night.

"(Ariel) Sharon and (Yitzhak) Shamir have tried again recently," the PLO chief said. "That is why our Tunisian brothers have taken security measures and we are grateful to them."

Security in the neighbourhood where the PLO has its offices was extraordinarily tight. Tunisian police manned roadblocks on the approaches and carefully searched visitors.

The Kuwaiti daily Al-Sayassah reported today that senior Arafat aide Bassam Abu Sharif escaped an assassination attempt outside his home in Tunis on Monday night.

Arafat made no reference to a direct attack on Abu Sharif, who already survived a letter bomb attack in the past. But Arafat confirmed a recent statement by Abu Sharif that "Israel groups have prepared terrorist actions against the leaders and institutions of the PLO."

Al-Sayassah said Sharif declined comment on his report. Arafat also said he was unconcerned by the outcome of the US elections.

"It's an affair that does not concern me," he said. "For me there is no difference between the two candidates. I will have to deal with an American administration whoever is in the White House."

Arafat said he was optimistic about a meeting of the Palestine National Council, which is scheduled to open in Algiers on Saturday to examine ways of building on the 11-month-old uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories. "A solution is near," he said.

Sakharov may receive cardiac pacemaker

BOSTON, Nov 9, (UPI): Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet physicist and human rights champion, may receive a cardiac pacemaker at the same Boston hospital where his wife, Yelena Bonner, underwent heart bypass surgery two years ago.

Martin Bander, spokesman for Massachusetts General Hospital, issued a statement yesterday saying Sakharov "began outpatient testing of his cardiovascular system" at the facility, but refused to elaborate. "At (Sakharov's) request, no further medical information will be given for the next 10 to 14 days."

Sakharov, 67, arrived in the United States on the first foreign trip he has been allowed in 30 years and is expected to remain in the United States for two weeks for a series of meetings that may include at Nov 14 meeting with President Reagan.

Revolt by radicals against Walesa ends

Gdansk shipyard strikes collapse

GDANSK, Poland, Nov 9, (Reuters): Young Solidarity militants today called off strikes at two Gdansk shipyards after failing to win support from other shipyard workers.

The stoppages at the Wisla and repair yards collapsed after only 24 hours.

They were staged by workers demanding re-legalisation of Solidarity and revocation of a Polish government decision to shut the Lenin shipyard where the banned union was born.

"Nobody has joined us. We have to finish," an 18-year-old striker said, taking down red-and-white Polish flags emblazoned with the word Solidarity from the gate of the repair yard and rolling them up.

Promised

"We counted on others joining us but no one did," he added.

He said only about 100 strikers stayed overnight in the yard which employs 5,800 men. About 500 began the sit-in stoppage at mid-day yesterday.

About 30 young workers earlier called off a similar protest at the Wisla yard which employs 900 men. They said they decided to leave after management promised to reinstate men sacked after a strike last August.

The collapse of the protests ended a brief revolt by Solidarity radicals against union leader Lech Walesa, which erupted yesterday when he backed off from a threat to call nationwide strikes against the Lenin shipyard shutdown.

About 50 police stood near the gate of the Wisla yard and police vehicles waited outside the repair yard as the protests ended but police took no action.

Appeared

Walesa, who has called the Lenin shipyard shutdown an attack on Solidarity's most symbolic stronghold, refused yesterday to call out the yard's 11,000 men, saying the time was not ripe for strikes.

Some observers believed he backed off knowing he would get

little support for a nationwide strike call and because the government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski appeared to be itching for a showdown.

Walesa instead denounced the young strikers for defying his authority. He threatened to resign, saying their action was a warning that a new generation of workers could run out of control.

The veteran Solidarity leader appeared to be telling the government that young workers were increasingly restless and radicalised because of the refusal to make concessions to Solidarity, and that he might be unable to control them.

Young militants expressed bitterness when Walesa called off Poland's second strike wave of the year last August, after the authorities invited Solidarity to talks on Poland's future and promised to consider re-legalising the union.

Many young strikers were suspicious of government intentions and Walesa had difficulty in persuading them to go back to work.

World leaders congratulate Bush

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handle the massive US budget and trade deficits.

Bush's victory touched off profit-taking on the Tokyo foreign exchange market, causing a slight decline in the dollar against the yen.

Policy

United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, a frequent critic of the US Middle East policy, urged Bush to work for a "just settlement" of the Palestinian issue.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt said he was pleased by Bush's victory, which he called well-deserved.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a letter to the president-elect, called Bush a "true friend of Israel."

Labour leader and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres expressed confidence that Bush would launch a Middle East peace initiative.

A senior Palestinian Liberation Organisation official said he hopes Bush will support Palestinian interests.

"I hope Mr Bush will further this statement and see how he can further the political rights of the Palestinians," said Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political office.

Messages of congratulation came from Australia's Prime Minister Bob Hawke and New Zealand Prime Minister David Lange.

Milestones

In the Philippines, where the United States maintains several important military bases, President Corason Aquino sent a telegram to Bush, saying: "I am confident your leadership will set up another milestone in maintaining the cordial and historic ties between our two countries."

South African President P.W. Botha said he hoped that under Bush "the relations between our two countries should be strengthened on the basis of mutual respect and understanding."

Lahd in serious condition

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 9, (Reuters): The condition of South Lebanon Army Gen. Antoine Lahd deteriorated overnight because of blood loss and complex surgery following an assassination attempt, hospital officials said.

By early today, the 59-year-old SLA commander was in stable but serious condition, a spokesman at Haifa's Rambam Hospital said. A day earlier, Lahd had been in good condition.

Lahd was shot in the shoulder and arm by a single .22 caliber bullet on Monday night at his home in the Lebanese town of Marjayoun in Israel's self-declared "security zone," just north of the Israeli-Lebanese border. He was shot by a 21-year-old ballet teacher and family friend.

Aoun sacked

BEIRUT, Nov 9, (Reuters): Lebanon's Muslim defence chief today sacked the Army's Christian commander, General Michel Aoun, who heads one of the two competing cabinets in the country.

Defence Minister Adel Osserian made the announcement, which political sources said would formally split the Army and move Lebanon closer to partition.

The post of Army commander is considered temporarily vacant. Brigadier Sami Al Khatib is assigned to carry out the duties of the Army commander as long as the post is vacant, Osserian told a news conference in West Beirut.

Osserian is Defence Minister in a Syrian-backed and mainly-Muslim cabinet headed by acting Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss.

Aoun heads a rival Christian administration appointed by President Amin Gemayel minutes before his presidential term expired in September without a successor being named.

Air Force man kills 8 and self

DHAKA, Nov 9, (Reuters): A Bangladeshi Air Force corporal shot dead eight people and wounded 50 others when he opened fire with a sub-machine gun in a mosque and then killed himself, military sources said today.

The officials declined to identify the man and could not provide a motive for last night's killings.

Police at Jessore air base in western Bangladesh said the shootings took place during night prayers when the mosque was crowded with off-duty soldiers.

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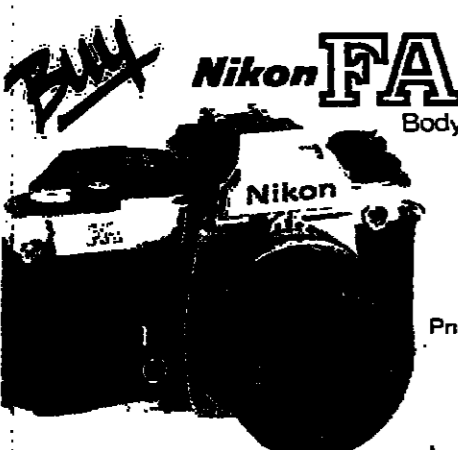
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More earthquakes forecast in China

BEIJING, Nov 9, (Reuters): Fresh tremors shook 100,000 homeless survivors of southwest China's massive earthquake today and scientists warned of further quakes in the devastated region.

Chinese seismologists quoted by the New China News Agency said 184 separate tremors had been recorded since Sunday's quake, registering 7.6 on the Richter scale, killed more than 900 people.

They said more shocks measuring about six on the Richter scale were likely to strike Lancang county in Yunnan province, the worst-hit area where tens of thousands of bamboo-thatch peasants' homes have been destroyed.

Seismologists sent to the stricken area after the first quake were among those stranded when aftershocks caused further damage, earlier reports said.

Rescue efforts are hampered by the heavily forested mountain terrain and shattered communications in the remote region, inhabited largely by ethnic minority tribes.

The disaster is known to have killed 939 people, a Civil Affairs Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday. The number is expected to rise as Army and police rescue teams discover more bodies in outlying villages.

Chinese television has shown film of bewildered peasants standing among the debris of totally destroyed streets. In one village at the quake's epicentre, 279 residents died.

Buildings were damaged in a 40,000 square km (15,000 sq. mile) area around Lancang and roads linking the county with the outside world cut. Authorities in Yunnan said medical supplies, food and tents would be airdropped to the quake zone.

RIYADH, Nov 9, (Reuters): The Embassy of the Philippines in Riyadh is again accepting requests for maids and domestic servants following the lifting of a 10-month ban.

But an embassy spokesman said the applications were being held until new regulations arrived within the next two weeks.

The Philippines' government lifted its "maid ban" on Saudi Arabia on Oct 31 after several months of increasingly strained labour relations.

Manila slapped the ban on Saudi Arabia and other countries last January after reports of non-payment of wages.

There are more than 300,000 Filipino expatriates in Saudi Arabia of whom 20,000 are domestic servants.

Indian troops to stay on in Maldives

TRIVANDRUM, Nov 9, (Reuters): Indian troops airlifted into the Maldives to stop a coup by mercenaries will stay on until the political situation in the Indian Ocean islands stabilises, Air Marshal G. Sen said.

He said 500 of the 1,150 troops sent by India to assist President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom would stay.

Gayoom is due to be inaugurated for third term as President on Friday.

Fifteen people wounded in the failed coup are being treated in a heavily-guarded military hospital in this south Indian city. Sen said all were in stable condition, though shocked and under sedation.

Seven were wounded in the initial fighting in the Maldivian capital Male last Thursday and eight were airlifted for treatment after Indian ships captured a freighter seized by the mercenaries for their getaway after the coup failed.

He said the hostages on the

ship had suffered a harrowing ordeal as the mercenaries had shot dead at least four of them and threatened to kill more as the ship was shadowed by Indian frigates as it headed towards Sri Lanka.

"Every time the Indian Navy threatened to open fire, the hostages were brought on deck and lined up," Sen said, adding that this happened about 20 times.

Victim Vazhapilly Vincent, second officer of the freighter Progress Light, said the mercenaries warned shadowing Indian warships they would kill one of their hostages every five minutes unless the vessels pulled back.

"When the Indian ships did not move they took an elderly Maldivian man, about 55 to 60, out on the starboard bridge," he said.

"We did not see what happened but we heard a 'tuk' noise and we saw a body floating in the sea because they tied it to a lifebelt."

Vincent was speaking after he and seven other hostages were given a hero's welcome when they returned to Male on the Indian frigate Godavari.

He said the 5,000-tonne freighter's third officer was also killed in the closing moments of the hostage drama on Sunday when Indian vessels trying to stop the ship raked the bridge with gunfire.

The officer fell, shot in the head, but that was enough to make the gunmen surrender, he said.

Brown and red smoke was billowing from the vessel from a fire apparently caused by the Indian gunfire and it eventually sank on Monday.

In addition to the hostages the Indian warship brought back 65 mercenaries and two Maldivians to stand trial.

Vincent said he did not know what happened to at least five other hostages but never expected to survive himself.

Maldivian officials said 27 or 28 hostages were bundled on to the Progress Light after it became obvious that the coup attempt in the Indian Ocean republic which began last Thursday had been thwarted.

"We all thought we were going to die one by one. This is like a second life," Vincent said as he left for a celebration party.

1,000 tourists leave troubled Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Nov 9, (Reuters): One thousand tourists left Sri Lanka in special charter planes today and more prepared to leave as the government said it would deal with unrest by shooting demonstrators on sight.

"There are attempts being made by subversive groups to disrupt nomination day for presidential elections on Thursday," the government said. "Demonstrators will be shot on sight under emergency regulations."

The government increased security in Colombo and provincial towns as a strike called by Marxist rebels entered its third day.

The radical People's Liberation Front (JVP), composed mostly of Sinhalese youths, paralysed transport and businesses with rolling protest strikes backed by death threats.

Volcano Opposition leader Anura Bandaranaike said the country was facing a crisis never before experienced since Sri Lanka gained independence from Britain 40 years ago.

He urged President Junius Jayewardene to defuse the situation by dissolving parliament

immediately and holding free and fair elections.

"Normal life is at a standstill. All are sitting on top of a volcano dangerously waiting to explode," he said.

Bandaranaike led his group from the assembly saying the opposition would not attend parliament until it had a firm commitment from the government.

The strikes affected the tourism industry for the first time on Monday when three hotels in the southwest were forced to close after staff joined a JVP-backed demonstration.

The government advised travel operators on Tuesday to make sure tourists were sent back home as quickly as possible and new arrivals discouraged because of the unrest.

Security forces sent fuel to tourist coaches stranded in the provinces and weary-looking tourists, a few near tears, crowded in the usually empty hotel lobbies in Colombo while waiting for buses to take them to the airport.

An estimate by embassies of their own nationals showed there were about 3,000 tourists now in the island.

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Satanic Verses wins biggest literary prize

LONDON, Nov 9, (Reuters): Indian-born author Salman Rushdie won the novel section of Britain's biggest literary prize on Tuesday with "The Satanic Verses" and challenged the Indian government to lift its ban on the controversial book.

"I hope the Prime Minister of India is listening. I think this award is a way of sending a message and I hope somebody over there is willing to receive it," Rushdie told Reuters after receiving £1,500 (\$2,650) Whitbread Award.

"The Satanic Verses" has been banned in India, Pakistan and South Africa following protests from Muslims that its treatment of the Holy Prophet of Islam, is blasphemous.

Threats "The prize is a way of saying that there is another relationship to books that's possible... rather than banning them or burning them," Rushdie said.

Rushdie received death threats last month because of the book which deals metaphorically with the relationship between good and evil. Last week the Congress of South African Writers had to withdraw an invitation for him to speak at a literary festival in the country because it could not guarantee his safety.

Khashoggi's money confiscated

CORFU, Nov 9, (AP): Greek police last week confiscated \$160,000 from Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi as he was leaving his Ionian Sea resort island for Spain, a police spokesman said.

The cash was confiscated by police at Corfu airport on Friday. Khashoggi was going through a routine customs check

before boarding a private jet to fly to Spain, where he has a home. "The money hadn't been declared when Khashoggi arrived here on Oct 26, so it was confiscated and placed in a Greek bank," said the spokesman.

A warrant for Khashoggi's arrest was issued in the United States on Oct 28.

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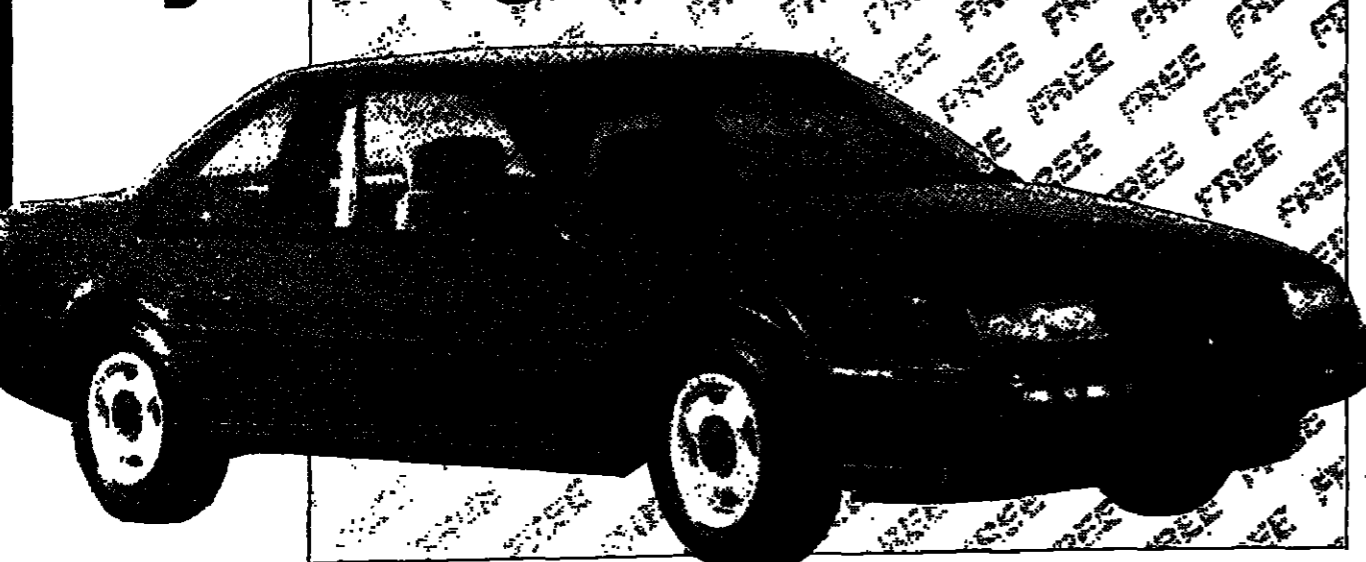
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Iraq and Iran to swap some POWs on Nov 20

GENEVA, Nov 9, (UPI): Iran and Iraq agreed today to allow the International Red Cross to begin exchanging all 1,526 registered sick and wounded prisoners of war on Nov 20.

Other wounded but so far unregistered POWs will be counted in the meantime and flown home by Dec 11, the two sides said in separate media statements.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), guardian of the 1949 Geneva War Conventions, got the two sides to agree on the limited POW repatriation in talks separate from the UN-sponsored Gulf peace negotiations.

First news of the exchange was given to reporters by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz after talks with United Nations mediator Jan Eliasson.

Eliasson welcomed the news. Asked by reporters if it could unblock the protracted Gulf peace talks here he said: "Anything that would improve the climate and increase confidence between the parties would be to the good of the process."

But diplomats say it is too early to describe the accord as a breakthrough in stalled efforts to settle the Gulf conflict halted by the Aug 20 ceasefire.

The surprise agreement apparently amounts to just a small mark of progress in the UN-mediated peace talks, they say.

Eliasson said those negotiations remain stalled on the main

issues of troop withdrawal and total repatriation of an estimated 100,000 POWs.

Iranian delegation spokesman Morteza Sarmadi told reporters this morning that the ICRC proposed the immediate exchange of the registered 411 Iranian and 1,115 Iraqi sick and wounded prisoners.

"The ICRC proposed the date of Nov 20 for the repatriation of the sick and disabled POWs and we did not object," he said.

Sarmadi said those prisoners will be flown home "within a few days" following Nov 20 while ICRC delegates will register remaining "sick and disabled" who in turn will all be repatriated "by Dec 11."

Aziz confirmed the agreement after a separate meeting with Eliasson this morning.

As parties to the Geneva War Conventions of 1949, Iran and Iraq were in fact obliged to exchange sick and wounded POWs even before the Aug 20 ceasefire.

Eliasson, of Sweden, also met this afternoon with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati but did not convene a direct full plenary session.

He told reporters after a plenary late Tuesday that apart from the question of sick and wounded prisoners, the 10-week-old talks otherwise remained deadlocked on all substantive issues.

Those first comprise withdrawal of forces to recognised borders and secondly, the repatriation of all estimated 100,000 POWs, then the drafting

of a permanent settlement.

"There is no progress on other questions," Eliasson said.

Withdrawal of troops to "internationally recognised boundaries" was specified by the UN Security Council as the first step after the ceasefire but the issue is blocked by disagreement over control of the Shatt al Arab waterway.

Iraq claims sovereignty over the estuary by having the frontier on the Iranian shore, arguing it is Baghdad's only outlet to the Gulf. Tehran says the border must run down the middle according to a 1975 agreement.

Stalemate
That stalemate in turn blocks progress on the second specified step which is repatriation of all POWs.

A senior Iranian official said on Tuesday current peace negotiations could drag on for some time.

Deputy Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Mohammed Besharati told a news conference in Kuwait "our opinion is they will last for several years."

Aziz echoed his words, saying after Tuesday night's session: "We do not want to prolong talks but sometimes it happens against our will."

The first round of talks was held in Geneva from Aug 25 to Sept 13 and a second round took place in New York in the first week of October.

The current third round began on Oct 31 and Iranian and Iraqi delegates said it could coincide by the coming weekend.

NHA may evacuate Dhahar

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) will evacuate the Dhahar area if there is evidence that the area is unsafe for housing, according to Nasser Al Roudhan, the Minister of State for Housing Affairs.

Speaking to a committee representing the inhabitants of the area last Monday, the official said that the NHA will offer alternative accommodation to those evacuated.

Limited
If and when this decision is made it will apply only to a limited number of residents. It is not the intention of the NHA to evacuate the entire Dhahar area, he added.

A high-level committee is currently surveying the area to ascertain its safety, according to Ibrahim Majed Al Shaheen, director-general of the NHA.

Shrimp prices show increase

SHRIMP prices have increased as of the beginning of November, a local daily reported.

Yesterday, one kilogramme of shrimp sold for KD1.5, compared to KD1 during the last two months. A 20 kg basket yesterday sold for KD31 on the wholesale basis. The same basket sold for KD18 last week and less than that a few weeks before.

A seller at the market informed the daily that some kinds of fish such as the Maide and Zubaidi will not be available during the winter.

Denied

He denied that the Hamour fish currently available is Kuwaiti or Pakistani. It was imported from Saudi Arabia and sold for KD9 for 12 kilos, he said.

The seller added that he expects the price of shrimp to continue rising. Prices of fish will be generally moderate, he added.

Song festival rehearsals set

REHEARSALS for the 21 grand finalists in the 3rd annual Filipino Song Festival will be at 3 p.m. Nov 11, 18 and 23 at the Federation of Trade Union Hall, Hawaii.

The festival will be on Nov 25 at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan, Hawaii, according to Buddy Patungan, chairman of this year's Songfest.

The following contestants must submit typewritten lyrics of their final song entry, ID picture and a taped version of the song to be performed at the festival:

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the Islamic nation as instructed by HH the Amir of Kuwait.

Sheikh Saad also underlined the need for unity amongst Islamic countries to abort hostile schemes.

Commenting on the tension which prevailed during the Gulf war, he said countries of the region are now watching the Iran-Iraq peace negotiations in Geneva.

"Let us all pray to the Almighty Allah that the negotiations will succeed and those countries (Iran and Iraq) will implement the Security Council Resolution (598), so that peace and prosperity will dwell in the region," he stressed.

Sheikh Saad described ties with the US as "good" and links with the Soviet Union as "clear."

"We know that the Soviet Union has interests as a superpower and we are watching its new policy and pledge to pull out of Afghanistan," he added.

Indicated
On Kuwait-American ties, he indicated that his visit to the United States last July was successful. He said his talks with President Reagan and top administration officials were frank and clear.

Sheikh Saad said he had sensed then that the American leaders want to co-operate with Kuwait and other Arab Gulf countries.

Sheikh Saad called on OPEC members to stick to prices and production quotas, noting that Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are

committed to this policy. Discussing the joint Kuwaiti-Saudi committee which was formed during his current visit, Sheikh Saad said the committee comprises foreign, oil and interior ministers of the two countries who will follow up on co-operation issues. The committee will meet alternately in Riyadh and Kuwait, he added.

Commenting on plans to transfer the Kuwaiti oil pipeline to the Red Sea, Sheikh Saad said if this topic concerns us and the Saudis it will be discussed through the joint committee, but if it involves the Gulf states, it will be discussed by GCC ministers concerned.

Answering a query, Sheikh Saad renewed Kuwait's firm support for the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

He said a positive shift in the US-Mideast policy will hinge on a collective stance by the Arab countries.

"If there was continuous Arab understanding and a consensus on a common policy, a change would occur in the American policy," he said.

Sheikh Saad said he deplores the political chaos in Lebanon as manifested in the presence of two governments and the lack of a president.

Sheikh Saad reiterated Kuwait's support for the Afghan mujahideen and said: "I'm optimistic that the Soviet forces will withdraw from Afghanistan sooner or later and am sure that the Soviet Union will roll back its troops on the scheduled date."

Kuwait qualified to be financial centre, says banking official

A SENIOR banking official was quoted as saying the soundness of the Kuwaiti economy qualifies it to become a financial centre capable of attracting Gulf and Arab funds.

In an interview with a local bank, Saad Al Nahed, chairman and managing director of Kuwait Real Estate Bank, said that the government and financial institutions including local banks are striving to create new investment instruments such as

diversified investment portfolios. Replying to a question, the official said that Kuwait does not need new investment banks. The Kuwaiti investment companies were playing a significant role in this area, he said.

He has reservations about permitting foreign banks to operate in Kuwait. The current Kuwaiti economy cannot justify licensing new banks — either local or foreign, Al Nahed said.

Draft of labour law completed

THE new labour draft law has been completed and submitted to the Council of Ministers, according to Adnan Al Omar, director of the Labour Department at Hawali Governorate.

He added that the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has prepared a draft resolution to organise manpower in the private sector.

Restrictions
The ministry puts restrictions on importing foreign manpower. However, these restrictions do not apply to companies and contractors engaged in government projects. Private hospitals and clinics, local banks, hotels, private schools, sports clubs, charitable societies, travel offices and new co-operative societies are also allowed to import foreign manpower, the official said.

Violators of the labour law are referred to the judicial authorities, he added.

The Labour Department of Hawali Governorate will not renew work permits of workers who are not registered in the Civil Information System, Al Omar said.

Locusts will arrive soon

NEW swarms of locusts will arrive in Kuwait from Saudi Arabia in the very near future, according to an official source at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources.

Jasem Habib, director of the Plant Resources Department at the authority said locusts swarms are now around the Saudi-Kuwaiti border and along the east coast of the Gulf.

The authority is staying in touch with all locusts fighting centres in Saudi Arabia, and Iraq.

Swarms of locusts travel in huge numbers, stretching at times from five to eight kilometres in length to 50 metres in width, Habib said.

Gang arrested for drug smuggling

SECURITY personnel of the Criminal Investigation Department of Shuwaikh Industrial Area arrested a three-member Syrian gang on charges of smuggling and trading in narcotics.

Security men recovered 18 kilos of narcotics including a half kilo of heroin. The contraband was hidden in a Farwaniya restaurant owned by the head of the gang.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Water officials to meet

GULF countries will be holding an important meeting in Bahrain today to discuss the water shortage in the region.

Representatives from Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) water boards will attend the general assembly of the Water Sciences and Technology Association. The association was formed a year ago and is based in Bahrain.

The meeting will be held under the patronage of Majid Al Jishi, Bahrain's Minister of Works, Power and Water.

According to authorities here, one of the aims of the assembly is to promote closer co-operation between Gulf states in tackling the water shortage problem. This could be achieved by sharing information on new technology.

A board will also be elected by the representatives to serve the association for the next four years.

Indian singer performs

PARVEEN Saba, a young upcoming Ghazal and Qawwali songstress from India, performed in front of a packed audience with her 10-member troupe at Aradous Hotel Tuesday night.

The spectacular show, which also included Bharat Natyam dances, was staged on the occasion of Diwali, the Indian Festival. In keeping with the "Festival of Lights," Parveen illuminated the evening with her voice and charismatic presence. She lived up to her reputation as the "Nightingale of India." Barely out of her teens, she performed with the maturity and class of great artists.

Parveen performed classics and popular hits from the golden age of Indian cinema, evoking memories of Qawal Ismail Azaad. Her golden voice transformed the dazzling open-air environment into one resembling the Mughal Court where the Art of Ghazal flourished.

Iraq, Kuwait agree on border, says official

PARIS, Nov 9, (KUNA): Iraqi Vice-President Taha Moheideen Maarouf has said that his country and Kuwait reached an agreement on demarcation of the international border between them and added the accord could be implemented any time now.

Regarding the current Geneva peace negotiations between Iraq and Iran, Maarouf said he was hopeful the two sides will reach an agreement soon.

Speaking to Arab reporters here last night, the Iraqi Vice-President said that the American administration and Israel were behind the media campaign against Iraq for its alleged use of chemical weapons against civilian Kurds.

He added that the situation in Lebanon is one of the major issues that he discussed with the French Premier Michel Rocard and Foreign Minister Roland Dumas.

He said he expects an improvement in the Franco-Iranian relations in the near future, but he said France would not provide Iran with arms.

Italy to withdraw ships from Gulf
ROME, Nov 9, (Reuters): Italy said today it will withdraw its warships from the Gulf by the end of the year and will stop escorting merchant vessels in the waterway this month.

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Iraqi POWs tell of torture

BAGHDAD, Nov 9, (Reuters): Freed Iraqi prisoners of war (POWs) today said they were poisoned, beaten, shot at and starved during their confinement in Iranian prison camps.

The former prisoners, among 25 sick and wounded men released by the Iranians earlier this month, were presented at a news conference organised by the Iraqi Information Ministry.

One of the oldest, 69-year-old Khudair Hmoud Ghanem, said he witnessed the machine gunning of nearly 100 prisoners by troops at an Iranian prison camp in 1983.

He said 16 men were killed in the incident.

Freezing
"We were completely encircled by machine gun fire... Then we were locked in for five days without food. We had to swallow salt to survive," he said.

He said other tortures included being hung upside down and standing on a block of ice in freezing northern camps.

One ex-POW said poison was added to his food causing internal bleeding.

Salih Hassan Jassim, who was captured in 1981, said he had

been forced to stand against a wall in Minji-411 Camp, north of Tehran, where he was beaten with cables and heavy sticks.

Jassim, 38, said he was put in solitary confinement for four years and given only one meal of bread and water each day.

"Now I have one kidney and suffer," he told the news conference.

Another former POW, Khalifa Adnan Sabbar, 59, said he had been paralysed after being beaten with a heavy stick.

Shakir Huwaidi Mohammed, 39, said he saw Iranian soldiers throw wounded Iraqis from a boat into the Huwaida marshes where he was captured in 1985.

Naked
A 33-year-old man, Muhsin Jabur Jassim, said he had been made to sleep naked on cold cement floors during the winter.

He said when he complained, an Iranian officer broke his teeth. Iran released the 25 men following Iraq's unilateral release of a similar number.

Iraq and Iran agreed on Tuesday at their peace talks in Geneva to repatriate all sick and wounded POWs captured during the eight-year long Gulf war.

King Hussein discusses PLO with Qatari Amir

DOHA, Nov 9, (AP): King Hussein of Jordan briefed the Amir of Qatar today on negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation toward a Palestinian settlement as the intifadah entered its 12th month, the Qatar News Agency reported.

Hussein, in Qatar in the third stop of a Gulf tour, held talks with the Amir, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani. The king was scheduled to leave for Oman later today.

The agency quoted an unidentified source as saying the two leaders reviewed the latest developments in the region and in the Arab and Islamic arenas.

Positive
The source said Hussein "briefed the Amir of Qatar on the good and positive results of the tripartite summit recently held in Aqaba, and the subsequent negotiations on co-ordination and co-operation between Jordan and the PLO at this vital stage for the Palestinian case."

At the Aqaba summit, Hussein hosted PLO leader Yasser Arafat along with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Mubarak arranged the meeting to overcome their strained rela-

tions following earlier abortive efforts to work jointly for peace with Israel.

The PLO is geared to declare the unilateral independence of the West Bank and Gaza Strip — whose 1.5 million inhabitants have been rioting for 11 months — as a Palestinian state.

Unity
The agency said the two leaders concurred on the necessity of the Lebanese uniting and on "consolidating any collective and practical Arab effort to help the sister country pull out of its crisis and restore unity and stability."

The same topics, along with the situation in the Gulf in the wake of the Aug 20 Iraq-Iran ceasefire, are being discussed by Hussein on the tour which started on Tuesday and took him to Kuwait, then Bahrain.

Last week he visited Iraq, whose President Saddam Hussein is his close friend.

Lasting
The Qatar agency said that Hussein and Sheikh Khalifa expressed hope that the ongoing UN-sponsored Iraq-Iran peace negotiations will continue and reach a just and lasting peace.

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THE Municipal Affairs Committee yesterday approved applications submitted by villa owners for construction of one more floor to their existing villas.

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Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridian Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the Meridian Hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kelling and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

Rock the Night

NOV 23 (8 pm); Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Performers include Def Leppard, Joan Jett, Europe, Gary Moore and others. For reservations contact Ken Winston — 5740256/7; Riad — 5386294.

Filipino Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm. All Filipinos are welcome.

Brer Rabbit

NOV 12-18: 6:30 pm. Brer Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School. Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17/18: matinees at 3 pm at the same venue. For reservations call 5740256/7, 9 am - 1 pm; 4:30 - 7 pm; or 5731782.

Upasana

DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

SOCIAL

Diwali Entertainment

NOV 10: The Indian Arts Circle will celebrate Diwali. Open to members and their guests. Highlight: Narthana's "Nrihotsav 88" — dance-drama & ballet, in the evening. For entry passes call IAC — Tel: 3904817.

Nite Flight 88

NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent. 9:30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservation contact Ken Winston — 5740256; Celestino — 2420631; Shashi — 2420002; Tony — 2415439.

Diwali Mela

NOV 11: from 11:30 am. The Punjabi Cultural Society will hold the Diwali Mela (fair) at the Indian Arts Circle. The all-day event features lots of fun for adults and children. Highlights include games, home-made Punjabi food. All Indians are welcome.

Dance Meeting

NOV 11: Daniela invites all Dancers for a desert picnic on Friday from 10 am. For details contact: Karen Marie 3715146; Annette — 3720182 ext 33.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

NOV 15, Tuesday, 8 pm: A special evening will be held for the German-speaking community and their guests at Al Andalus Club, Holiday Inn. All are requested to attend. Tickets available at the German Embassy, library and school, and the hotel.

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Contact

NOV 12: SAS Hotel 10 am: Contact, the ladies information group, will hold a meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 4874513; 5388105.

Naval Youth Centre

NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3:30 pm.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper." For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians

NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be able and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext 253.

SPORTS

Windsurfing Competition

NOV 11: The annual windsurfing and photographic competitions, will be held at the SAS Club.

PBAK bowling tournament

Registration continues for the PBAK second Filipino non-pro bowling. Rules will be announced after completing entry forms. Deadline: Nov 22. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 484-3447.

BA Speedbird Trophy

NOV 18 (Friday), 9 am: Forty-five over all-day match for the BA Speedbird Trophy between a Great Britain XI and an Indian Select XI at the KOC Ground, Almadia. India XI's Man of the Match will win a roundtrip ticket: Kuwait-Madras or Kuwait-Delhi. All are welcome.

NAUI Diving

DIVING courses start on Nov 14: boat trips every Friday. For details contact Frank — 4830570/4830474.

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9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar

9.45 Al Jawharah: Part 4
10.15 Tum Tek and Children

10.30 English feature film.
12.00 Al Zankalooni.

1.00 News
1.05 World Today via Satellite

1.40 Fawazir Al Munasabat

2.00 Sports in a Week
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: Cartoons

5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: variety show

6.30 From People's Art
7.00 News Summary

7.30 Alwadi
8.00 Show Jumping

9.00 News
10.00 Arabic Feature Film.

11.45 Thursday Late Night Variety Show
12.45 Akhmalakum: We Present...

1.15 News Summary

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1.20 World Today via Satellite/
Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY
9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Iftah Ya Sinsim.
9.45 Children's Magazine

10.15 Fayez Al Tush
11.00 Ibtahal Deeni: religious programme

11.15 Friday Prayer
12.30 Min Hayat Al Shaoub.

1.00 News
1.05 World Today via Satellite

2.00 Summer '88
2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk

2.45 Cartoons
3.15 Cultural Film

4.00 Nujum Al Usbooh
4.45 Ghawir Al Mashakil: Arabic serial

6.00 Kuwait in a Week
7.00 News Summary

7.15 KTV 1 Programmes Preview
8.00 Al Usrah.

8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh.
9.00 News

10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Kayfa Waakhawatuha.

11.45 News Summary
11.50 World Today via Satellite

FRIDAY
4.00 Holy Quran

4.10 Silver Hawk.
4.30 Italian Football

5.30 Walt Disney Film: "Undergrads."

7.00 Star Trek: "Where None..."

8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away

8.40 Big League Soccer.
9.50 Jack Thompson: Down Under: tonight

10.30 Diamonds: "Class Reunion."

11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 Mask: cartoons
6.30 Sesame Street.

7.30 Mac and Mutley
8.00 News in English

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12.00 News in Brief

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No new American Mideast initiative soon

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Right-wing gains in Israel's election make it increasingly likely there will be no fresh US peace initiatives in the Middle East at least until after a new American president takes office in January, US analysts say.

"About all the (Reagan) administration can do over the next few months is conduct soundings and hold hands," said Charles William Maynes, editor of foreign policy magazine.

"That might have been different if (Shimon) Peres had won," he told Reuters.

Tuesday's general election failed to give a clear majority to either Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud or Foreign Minister Peres' centre-left Labour Party and both rushed to court religious parties who hold the balance of power.

Government
Shamir and many analysts gave Likud the edge in forming a government but US State Department officials, who declined to be quoted by name, adamantly refused to make any assumptions.

"It may take weeks or even longer" before the government takes shape and "it's not safe to assume anything," one official said firmly.

He said it was possible the religious parties, which are specifically concerned with domestic issues, could align with Peres. As to other proclivities on the peace process, he said there was "no clear cut picture on that" just yet.

Concessions
The Israeli election was fought largely on war and peace issues against the background of an 11-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Peres embraced a US plan calling for an international conference as an umbrella for direct Arab-Israeli negotiations and territorial concessions in exchange for peace.

But Shamir's opposition to

both key concepts had basically doomed the US initiative months ago.

"The US proposal now is a non-starter, certainly if Shamir is in control," Maynes said.

Robert Neumann, a former US ambassador to Saudi Arabia, said it was virtually unthinkable the Reagan administration would make any decisions on how to proceed with Middle East peace efforts before it leaves office next January.

"That would mean tensions in the area and the violence might certainly increase," he said.

Peace prospects have also been awaiting the outcome of a top-level Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) meeting later this month.

Meeting
But one US official said it was the State Department's widely held view that the meeting would produce nothing to force either the United States or Israel to react.

State Department officials refused to make any public statements about the Israeli election.

"There's no way anyone can make an evaluation of the situation at this point," one senior State Department official told Reuters. "It's not a legitimate question for the US government at this stage."

"Let the Israelis work through a government and see what positions they want to take" after that, he said.

Obstacle

He and other UN officials seemed to feel that even though Shamir has taken a tough line toward the Arabs he may be more flexible once he heads his own government, instead of sharing power with Peres and Labour in the existing arrangement.

Some US Jewish leaders expressed a similar view.

"The idea of the prime minister as an obstacle to peace just never washed with me," said Morris Abram, chairman of the conference of presidents of major American Jewish organisations.

Rough roads make life uneasy for Ugandans

By David Ress

KAMPALA, (Reuters): The best stretches of road between Uganda's two largest towns are the parts where there is no tarmac.

The 80 km (50 mile) stretch from the capital Kampala to Jinja, on the shores of Lake Victoria, forms part of the northern corridor, a road and railway linking the Kenyan port of Mombasa to Uganda and other landlocked East African countries.

The corridor is Uganda's lifeline and virtually the only link to the outside world for neighbouring Rwanda, southern Sudan and eastern Zaire. It also carries traffic for Burundi.

But Uganda's relations with Kenya have often been tense and it is now looking to lessen its dependence on disrupted roads and border controls in Kenya, East Africa's most industrialised nation. The border was closed for two weeks last December after clashes along the frontier.

"It used to be so easy. But now..." said one Kenyan trucker with a resigned shrug, when asked about road conditions along the northern corridor.

Eroded
Up to half the tarmac on the Kampala-Jinja road has eroded and what remains is barely wide enough even for cars.

Heavy-duty trucks, often hauling two packed trailers behind them, grind their way along with one set of wheels in the dust.

Potholes up to two feet (60 cm) deep pit the surface, except where the tarmac has been completely stripped away and repair crews have scraped smooth a new dirt surface.

"What you see is the result of 25 years of neglect," a senior official of Uganda's Coffee Marketing Board lamented.

The high cost of road haulage has led Uganda to shift most of its vital coffee exports and oil imports to the railroad.

President Yoweri Museveni ordered the switch two years ago, complaining that truck rates were double those of rail transport.

Last year, Uganda shipped 295,125 tonnes of goods — about two thirds of its total external trade — through the Kenyan

port of Mombasa.

Political tension with Kenya has led the country recently to route more trade through the Tanzanian port of Dar es Salaam.

"Uganda is beginning to realise they have been overdependent on Kenya," a Western diplomat said.

The tiny landlocked states of Rwanda and Burundi channel some trade through Kenya and some through Tanzania to avoid dependence on any one port outlet.

Neither has direct rail links to the coast and most of their freight is trucked, much of it through Uganda.

Shortages of serviceable locomotives and wagons on Tanzania's railway has caused a major backlog of Ugandan imports in Dar es Salaam and serious delays in moving the country's coffee exports.

That is why Uganda — to say nothing of Rwanda, Burundi and Zaire — remains committed to rehabilitating the northern corridor road and rail system.

Programme
Over the past two years, Uganda has embarked on a crash programme of roadworks. It has repaired 430 km (260 miles) of paved roads and 2,300 km (1,400 miles) of gravel roads during the financial year which ended in June.

It plans to spend a further \$20 million over the next two years, completing the key Kampala-Jinja link and upgrading the road from Kampala to Masaka in the southwest.

The World Bank and Western governments are studying a \$150-million plan to repair the railway from Kampala to Kasese in western Uganda which has been flooded and closed for the past month.

Aid
Despite massive injections of foreign aid, transport is likely to remain a chronic problem.

"They got money to rehabilitate roads, but roads that were done two years ago are already falling apart...they simply have no money for maintenance," said a Western diplomat.

The northern corridor is also dogged by administrative problems.

Bush: long on experience, short on new ideas

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): George Bush, a self-styled Texan with Yankee aristocrat roots, who was elected the 41st president of the United States on Tuesday, prepared for the presidency with a quarter-century in politics, long government service and eight years' apprenticeship to Ronald Reagan.

This seasoning in hard-knuckle politics may prove to have been the biggest 1988 campaign asset for the trim, 64-year-old vice-president. He started out well behind Democrat Michael Dukakis but attacked him aggressively in what many consider the nastiest US presidential contest in modern times.

He mixed attacks on Dukakis with claims that his own experience in the White House, the CIA and other power centres qualified him uniquely to lead America into the 1990s as Reagan's successor.

In campaign speeches, interviews and debates, he said he would cut huge federal deficits, seen by many Americans as the nation's most pressing problem, through a vaguely-defined "flexible freeze" on government spending.

Pressures

He promised voters that, regardless of deficit-cutting pressures, there would be no new taxes. He vowed to lead a renaissance of US education and to clean up the environment.

And he pledged to press on with arms control talks with the Soviet Union, placing new stress on cutting conventional forces and achieving a global ban on chemical weapons.

"Bush knows more about the inner workings of government than Reagan does," a White House official said. "He will take generally the same track but be a better manager."

Bush's victory, however, may leave a bitter aftertaste among voters repelled by the ugly tone of the campaign.

Bush, who accepted the Republican nomination vowing to make America a "kinder, gentler nation," hammered Massachusetts governor Dukakis day after day as a big-spending, big-taxing liberal, weak on defence, crime and drugs.

He ridiculed Dukakis as "a card-carrying member" of the American Civil Liberties Union, as if that were something to be ashamed of.

He scolded his rival for opposing compulsory recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in Massachusetts schools, a taunt that appeared to call the governor's patriotism into question.

Dukakis in turn slammed Bush as an elitist champion of the rich. He accused him of fatally flawed judgement and cited his choice of Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as a running mate, his support for the Iran arms sale and his contacts with Panama's Manuel Antonio Noriega, under drug indictment in the United States. He said Bush lied about the Dukakis record.

For eight years Bush was the loyal number two to a president who had led a modern conservative revival in US politics.

An athletic and youthful-looking man, he is fond of jogging, fishing and fast boats. Although his official voting address is Houston, his favoured retreat is a sprawling oceanside vacation home in fashionable Kennebunkport, Maine.

He was born into a socialite New England family of great wealth and position — his great-grandfather was Connecticut Senator Prescott Bush — but also became a millionaire in his own right in the west Texas oilfields after World War II.

Ambassador
Before serving as vice-president, he had been a US ambassador to the United Nations, envoy to China, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Congressman from Texas and Republican Party chairman.

But it was the vice-presidency and the association with Reagan that launched him toward his ultimate goal.

Unlike most other presidents, who thought vice-presidents were best ignored, Reagan gave Bush a number of highly visible and significant diplomatic assignments.

In a historic transfer of power, he was officially given presidential authority for about eight hours on July 13, 1985, when Reagan underwent surgery to remove a cancerous growth from his intestine.

All this came to a man who had received the 1980 vice-presidential nomination only after the collapse of Reagan's efforts to bring former President Gerald Ford on to the ticket.

He told ABC television.

Other than a few modest proposals to offer tax preferences to encourage savings and a sharp cut in capital gains taxes to boost investment, Bush's domestic policy agenda consists primarily of a vow to resist tax increases.

"Read my lips — no new taxes," he repeated twice and again on the campaign trail.

His only plan for reducing a massive federal budget deficit that economists say poses a major threat to continued prosperity is a "flexible freeze" that would hold the line on overall spending.

Bush has already let it be known he will give short shrift to the bipartisan national economic commission set up by Congress last year to devise a deficit reduction plan, if it suggests higher taxes.

His stance has drawn criticism from the panel's Democratic chairman Robert Strauss, one of Washington's most influential political figures, as well as Dole, who lost out to Bush in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination.

The embryonic feud with the economic panel — which most political experts say could have provided perfect cover for Bush to ease his resistance to new taxes — bodes ill for his ability to work with a Congress controlled by the opposition party.

While Bush has pledged to seek a budget accord with Congress, experts say a deal will be impossible unless it includes action to raise new revenues.

Bush also heads to the White House without any specific

proposals for reducing a massive US trade imbalance.

He has rallied against protectionism, a position that would seem to put him at odds with a Congress that last year enacted a measure providing for tougher steps against alleged unfair actions by US trade partners.

Agenda

In fact, it seems likely that the country's domestic policy agenda will be set by Congress, just as it was in the final years of Reagan's presidency when the legislators repeatedly ignored the chief executive's desires.

According to congressional quarterly, Reagan's position prevailed on just 43.5 per cent of roll-call votes in 1987, the last year for which figures have been compiled. It was the first time in 25 years a President lost more than he won.

Reagan won on 82 per cent of roll call votes in 1981, his first year in office, after a campaign in which he set forth a specific agenda with a vow to cut taxes and raise defence spending.

Bush's ties to the popular Reagan, who will leave office with the highest approval rating of any President since Dwight Eisenhower 28 years ago, were instrumental to his victory.

Folls showed Bush's popularity moving in tandem with his political patron's throughout the campaign. An NBC television exit poll of voters yesterday said the president-elect had the backing of 86 per cent of those who approved of Reagan's performance in the Oval Office.

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elect largely to continue the old leader's policies.

Bush is expected to pack his Cabinet with holdovers from the Reagan era, and may find it hard to provide Americans with a sense of freshness and new momentum.

Republican political analyst Kevin Phillips says presidents who came to power after their party had already held the White House for two straight terms have "tended to be failures because the party's domestic agenda was running out of steam or headed for a fall."

Bar
When checkmated on the domestic front, presidents have often searched for triumphs in foreign policy where Congress has less power to limit their actions.

But Bush's staunch support for the Star Wars anti-missile defence system would seem to be a serious bar to any new nuclear arms accords with Moscow and nobody seems to have any magic formula for settling the Middle East conflict or freeing Americans held hostage there — the most obvious opportunities for foreign policy triumphs.

A contrary view is offered by Stephen Hess, a government and politics expert at the private Brookings Institution.

Hess says Bush and his staff will benefit from their prior experience in Washington and says "they won't have to reinvent the wheel."

He also argues that the nastiness of the campaign will soon fade from public memory.

"It's fascinating the degree to which a president-elect starts with a clean slate," Hess says. "It's as if the campaign is a blackboard and the election is a giant eraser."

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President-elect George Bush waves to friends and supporters after Democrat candidate Michael Dukakis conceded the presidential election. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bush had contested Reagan for the Republican nomination that year, presenting himself as the moderate alternative to a right-winger who — in Bush's memorable phrase — preached a "voodoo economics" of lower taxes and huge defence outlays.

As vice-president, Bush embraced those policies enthusiastically and distinguished himself as a loyal — some critics said too loyal — player in the Reagan team.

Beginning with his calm, unofficial assumption of some of Reagan's public duties when the president was wounded by a would-be assassin in March 1981, he quietly became a friend and confidant of the conservative Reagan.

Although widely viewed as a political moderate through most of his career to that point, Bush as vice-president became a staunch defender of Reagan's right-wing policies.

One prominent conservative

columnist accused him of being Reagan's "lapdog" and others derided his deferential style.

In a controversial book about his White House years, former presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said of Bush: "Seldom did I hear him speak up, either in cabinet meetings or private sessions... I never heard him say, 'Mr President, my advice to you would be... this is the wrong thing to do.'"

Backed
Bush backed Reagan's unpopular 1985 decision to sell US arms to Iran but insisted he did not view the deal as a trade of arms for hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

Like Reagan, he said he was unaware of the diversion of arms sale profits to Nicaragua's Contra rebels at a time when Congress had forbidden aid to the Contras.

Reagan, barred by law from another term as president, went all-out to help his lieutenant

against Dukakis.

He told the Republican nominating convention that Bush was a leader who "will be cool under fire and knows the range of answers when the tough questions come."

Success has been a near constant in Bush's life.

The son of an investment banking heiress and a Wall Street financier who became a US senator, Bush spent much of his youth in Greenwich, Connecticut, a prosperous New York City suburb, and at the summer home in Maine.

He attended exclusive private schools and graduated from Yale University with highest honours in economics in 1948. He also captained the Yale baseball team.

In World War II, he left school at the age of 18 to become the Navy's youngest aviator. Flying off aircraft carriers in the Pacific, he won America's second-highest award for valour — the Dis-

tinguished Flying Cross — and was shot down at sea.

Bush's crewmates were killed, but he was rescued when a US submarine outraced a Japanese patrol boat and plucked him from the water. A crew member photographed the rescue, a film that later proved invaluable in Bush's political campaigns.

After the war, he rejected a Wall Street job and moved to Texas where he started an oil drilling firm that made him a millionaire.

He began his climb to national prominence by winning elections to the House of Representatives from Texas in 1966 and 1968. But he failed in two bids at a Texas senate seat, beaten once by rising young Democrat Lloyd Bentsen — vice-presidential candidate on the 1988 Democratic ticket.

Hard-line
In his Texas campaigns, Bush often voiced hard-line conservative views, including opposition to the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act that banned racial discrimination in public facilities, and the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. But as a Congressman he angered many of his conservative backers by voting for a bill designed to end discrimination in housing.

He also supported the Vietnam war effort, catching the eye of President Richard Nixon who named him ambassador to the United Nations in 1971.

Two years later, Nixon named Bush to be Republican Party chairman, a hot seat in an era when the Watergate scandal was mushrooming into a nightmare that drove Nixon out of office.

Some felt Bush carried party loyalty too far, backing Nixon's protestations of innocence late into the affair.

After Nixon's resignation in 1974, Bush was selected by President Ford to head the US liaison office in China in 1974-75 and then to direct the scandal-plagued CIA in 1976-77.

He was credited with reforming the CIA and rebuilding its morale when it was reeling from disclosures that it had spied on American citizens at home and backed assassination plots against such foreign leaders as Cuba's Fidel Castro.

Married for 43 years to Barbara Pierce, who comes from a prominent US publishing family, Bush has five children and is a grandfather of 10.

He doesn't work.

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Defeat
Despite the chants of "92, '92" that sounded through the hall when Dukakis conceded defeat, his election day thrashing put the three-term Massachusetts governor on the shelf.

He has earned a spot up there with George McGovern, Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale in the hall of fame of Democratic losers.

The Democrats tried the "it's lovelier the second time around" with Adlai Stevenson in 1956. It

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Real purpose of peace missions

SIR: I hail Rajiv Gandhi for his efforts in foiling the coup attempt in the Maldives islands and securing the release of hostages.

The mercenaries who were involved in the coup attempt were identified as Sri Lankan Tamils. It was not long ago, they were given shelter, food and training in India to fight the Sri Lankan government for a separate state.

These Tamils have become a force which is beyond the control of even their masters in India which boasts of having the fourth largest Army in the world. India has also lost nearly 500 soldiers in the battle against the Tamils.

Unjust criticism

SIR: I refer to AM's letter "Mind your language" in the Arab Times (Oct 27-28).

It is a wise decision for the staff of any establishment to speak only in English and Arabic at work. I too welcome

Extend post office timing

SIR: As post offices near all co-operative societies close at 2.00 pm, government officials cannot check their post boxes as they leave office at 1.30 pm.

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CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the Arab Times

Top stars wrestle for popular favour

High hopes for the festive season

DIWALI and Dusserah are one of the most important festivals in India bringing in the spirit of fun and celebration. Film producers also prepare their more ambitious projects to release them in time for Diwali, which is celebrated all over India by all communities and creeds. Moreover, it is also the time when schools and colleges have a short vacation, and thus more time for films. Christmas and New Year are not far behind.

This year, too, many films have been lined up for the last two months of the year and many heroes are in the race to gain high popularity with the public. The biggest film (at least by way of size and cost) is Manmohan Desai's *Ganga, Jamuna, Saraswati*, with Amitabh, Mithun, Jaya Prada, Meenakshi.

It is Amitabh's second release after the debacle of *Shahenshah* and thus an acid test for him. Desai confidently predicts that "this film of mine will beat *Amar, Akbar, Anthony* and score much more."

One cannot be sure of that, since it does not have three heroes, but only two heroes and one heroine in the title, and the other heroine is left dangling in the air. But one is never sure about magician Manmohan. He can turn heroes into parrots and conjure double and triple roles.

Among other escapist films with stars and frills are *Main Tera Dushman*, *Vardi*, *Gharana, Santosh*, *Billoo Badshah* and *Agnee* to be followed by many others.

Main Tera Dushman is a typical South Indian pot pourri directed by Vijay Reddy for the Midas man K.C. Bokadia. Jackie Shroff will be trying his luck, perhaps for the last time, and he has tough competition from Sunny, Jaya Prada and even Sridevi, all in the same film. It is also in direct contrast to Desai's movie, with the

Mithun (right) and Amrita share a tender moment in J. Om's new release *Agnee*.

female side stronger.

Umesh Mehra's *Vardi* is loosely based on *An Officer & A Gentleman*, with Jackie and Sunny as rivals for Kimi's love, with Madhuri in the second role and papa Dharm providing a boost for Sunny with a special appearance.

Gharana and *Billoo Badshah* are typical family tales of joys and sorrows. K. Ravi Shankar's *Gharana* has Rishi Kapoor, Meenakshi, Govinda, Neelam and Jaya Prada in a guest role. *Billoo Badshah* is Shatrughan Sinha's one-man show aided by Anita Raj, Govinda, Neelam and also Archana Joglekar as the naughty new daughter-in-law who upsets the even keel of the middle class family. J. Om Prakash's *Agnee* has star power with the likes of Mithun,

Amrita Singh, Chunky, Mandakini and it is J. Om's bid to be on par with his more successful son-in-law Rakesh Roshan. If J. Om again fails, then perhaps there may be a split in the banners and offices they have been using jointly for years.

Also threatening to break new ground is old Manoj's latest film *Santosh* which has taken eleven years to complete. This time, the patriot hero has turned into a trade union leader. The story has a woman deserting her husband and son for money and power. The son becomes an idealist who fights for workers' rights, while he is betrayed by his own brother. Love and songs are of course mixed through the roles of Hema, Shatrughan, Sarika etc. The message is of contentment

("Santosh") for the restless people of today. Balbir Kumar is the dummy producer-director who propped up Manoj's handiwork.

Every hero is competing fiercely to avoid slipping and falling in the dumps. The best way they know is to corner as many films as possible. After all, it is the number that counts, where quality is at a discount. That's why Amitabh has taken up an amazing number of 22 films and collected an astounding amount (above a crore) only as signing amounts.

He is also said to be cornering the producers of films starring other heroes and their shootings get upset and delayed. Amit's bag carries *Toofan*, *Akela*, *Agneepath*, *Insaniyat*, *Jadugar*, *Sadhu Sant*, *Satyam*, *Ajooba*.

Indrajeet, Rudra, Hum, Ghar Ka Bheedi, Mahakaal, Alishan, *Tiger, Baghi* and untitled films of half a dozen producers.

Dharmendra comes close to Amit, with more films but not chosen so selectively. Among his big ones are *Hathiyar*, *Batwara*, *Ganga Tere Desh Mein*, *Hamlaa*, *Jagira*, *Naakabandi*, *Sherdil*, *Sikka*, *Mast Qalandar*, *Kaun Kare Kurbani*, *Nafrat Ki Aandhi*, *Shehzade & Farishte*. From the old era heroes, Jeetendra is also surviving on the same level. He is banking a lot on New Delhi which is an off-beat film due for release. But he has plenty of commercial ones too, like *Mar Mitenge*, *Mulzim*, *Nafrat Ki Aandhi*, *Sahara*, *Daav Pech*, *Hasti Mita Dunga*, *Jai Shiv Shankar*, *Kasam Vardi Ki*, *Souten Ki Beti*, *Asoolon Ki Jung*, *Aasman Se Ooncha*, *Ranbhoomi*, *Zehreley*, *Atal Irada*, *Anam Yudd* and others.

Mithun is the only one from the new age group who is bidding for the top with at least 25 active films. They include *Aakhri Ghulam*, *Agnee*, *Agneepath*, *Bees Saal Baad*, *Dasta*, *Dana Pani*, *Guru*, *Dharam Sankat*, *Gariboh Ka Dasta*, *Hum Intezar Karenge*, *Hum Se Na Takrana*, *Ilaaka*, *Jhooti Shaan*, *Mar Mitenge*, *Shandar*, *Galiyon Ka Badshah*, *Jung*, *Sadhu Sant*, *Yugandhar*, *Pyar Ka Karz*, *Prahar* etc. Commanding a high price and fan following is of course Vinod Khanna. His imposing list has *Batwara*, *Boss*, *Mahadeva*, *Marg*, *Lekin*, *Rakshak*, *Shatruta*, *Ustad*, *Surya*, *Farishte*, *Gargana*, *Surzameen*, *Zameen*, *Chamatkar*, etc. These heroes are followed by the many films held by Shatrughan Sinha, Anil Kapoor, Sunjay, Dutt, Govinda, Rishi Kapoor, Raj Babbar, Chunky and a few others. The releases of the festival months will show who can stay on the slippery cliffs of stardom.

Amitabh, (centre) clowns around in 'Ganga, Jamuna, Saraswati'. The film is an acid test for Bachchan after the debacle of *Shahenshah*.Shatrughan (left) and Govinda eagerly await the Diwali attraction *Billoo Badshah*.

Behind the screen

Star dates are so rare to get that producers are frantically sticking to them. For Numbri Aamir Dimpi Dayal got Aaditya's dates with so much difficulty that he published the list in an advertisement. In this manner the second hero (the first is Mithun) would have to commit himself and other producers would be warned not to touch these dates from November 1988 to August 1989. The Producers' Association has also noted it. Now if Aaditya goes back on his word Dimpi may go to court. And all this for a new actor and a supporting hero. Some time back Govinda's dates were causing equally big headaches.

A poster site at Bandra is

supposed to be lucky, for new heroes. After Aamir Khan, it is now the turn of Asif being introduced in *Rama O Rama* by the Mirza Brothers. The trick is to use the hoarding first to give only the name of the actor. After some weeks, when enough curiosity has been created, the star's face is featured on it. And then the blab-blah.

Rishi Kapoor is busy but conscious of his producers' problems. Recently he finished one shift but when he went to another, he found that it had been cancelled. Instead of enjoying an unexpected holiday, he went to a third producer and offered to do dubbing. But not a single record-



Archana Joglekar: has to stoop to conquer

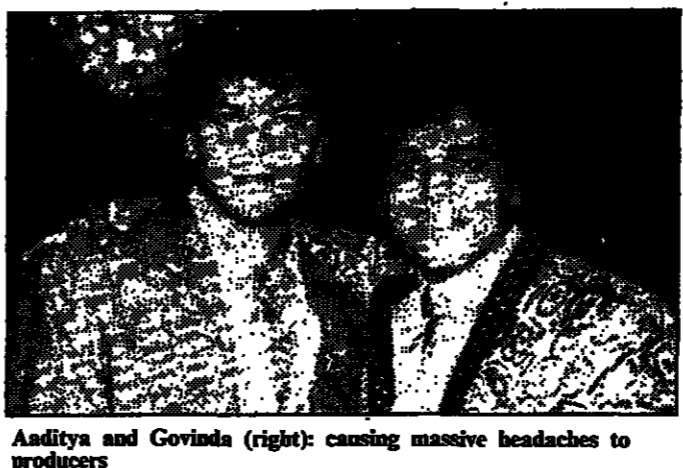
ding theatre was available. So he went back to the first shooting and finished off a large part of the second day's work.

R.K.'s Heena may run into trouble in the long run, if reports are to be believed that Randhir and Rishi are not getting along well. After the initial zeal for doing the film, Randhir again fell back on heavy drinking. This was not approved by Rishi who believes in work discipline. When Raj Kapoor was alive, Randhir used to get a salary of rupees ten thousand per month plus free shopping on a credit card. But now that he almost owns the whole property, Randhir may go

amuck with such luxury.

Archana Joglekar who began with TV serials and then moved to films with family tales wanted to take the easy way to high bracket stardom. So she agreed to wear strange costumes and even do a cabaret for *Maa Kasam Badla Loonga*. She is not aware that the whole thing does not suit her.

Kalpatri wants Jaya Prada to change the title of her own home production from *Sawan Ka Mahina* to anything containing *Ghar*. If the firm-minded Jaya does not agree, then the film will have another director.



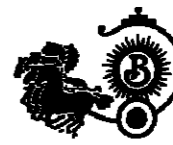
Aaditya and Govinda (right): causing massive headaches to producers

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A GROUP of us was having lunch the other day when Beeman came hurrying in. He was flushed with what seemed like victory.

"I think I've got it," he exclaimed.

"What is that?" "I just made an appointment with my daughter. I haven't been able to see her for two months, but she informed me that she could fit me in at 6 o'clock on Thursday."

"That's neat," I said. "How did you do it?"

"It wasn't easy. I kept leaving messages at her dorm saying that I would be grateful to simply meet with her and talk over how things were going."

"The first time she turned me down was because she was going to Vermont to look at the leaves. The second time she actually made a date with me, but then canceled it as she had been invited to wash her boyfriend's car. And three weeks ago, she called to say that she couldn't see me on her birthday because she wanted to enter a 26-mile marathon where you could meet a lot of neat guys."

"How can you be sure that she will show up for the appointment she's made now?" I wanted to know.

The Art Buchwald Column

Getting an appointment

"She sounded as if she was serious. But it's not firmed up yet. There is some talk about her floating down the Delaware River in a rubber tube or going to Ohio for a touch football game with the League of Women Voters. — but I'm optimistic that she'll keep the date with me."

"You're a lucky man, Beeman," one of the group said. "I haven't been able to arrange a meeting with my son for two years. He's one busy fellow."

"They all are," Beeman said. "And you can't fault them for refusing to put us on their calendars. You know what's really funny. I wanted to talk to George Shultz the other day, and it was arranged in an hour. I called Lee Iacocca and he said he would see me as soon as I arrived. Its been like that all month. The only one I am unable to make contact with is my own flesh and blood."

"What are you planning to talk about when you do see her?" I inquired.

"I am going to ask her if she loves me. And if she says she does, I'll start to wonder why she doesn't answer the calls I leave on her answering machine. I'll try to find out if I'm the father she really wanted."

"I wouldn't do that," one of the men said.

"You'll only make her feel guilty."

Beeman remarked, "If I could make her feel guilty I would consider our meeting a big success."

"Have you decided what to wear?" I asked.

"Seeing your daughter isn't everyday occurrence, and you should at least be dressed for it."

"I'm not applying for a job," Beeman yelled.

"Don't get so excited. There are five of us at this table and, if you added it all up, we haven't seen our



children for a total of 90 years."

Beeman said, "I'm sorry, guys, I don't want you to think I've got it made. Just because my daughter gave me this appointment doesn't mean she'll give another one. If she gets a better offer she will cancel this date just like that."

"If she did, would you take away her school allowance?"

"Of course not. What kind of father takes away his daughter's allowance just because she doesn't return his calls?"

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

By Peter Fagan

BUYING books can be a problem for the expatriate: not only are good bookshops few and far between in many countries, but the prices they ask for their books are often prohibitive.

One becomes accustomed to paying over the odds for a wide range of products while living overseas — and, conversely, to paying relatively low prices for some consumer goods — but when the dinar, dirham, or rial price on a book is more than twice the original UK or US cover price one can't help feeling that someone, somewhere, is making more than a reasonable level of profit.

After all, books — unlike newspapers and periodicals — do not need to be airfreighted and, as anyone who has ever had occasion to ship personal effects from one country to another will know, sea freight rates (based on volume rather than weight) can be surprisingly low.

In short, nobody has ever managed to convince me that shipping costs justify the high price of books in the bookshops in the Middle East.

There can certainly be no question of high staff salaries being used as a justification for the doubling of a cover price: even in the UK, where many bookshop staff are university graduates, levels of pay in this sector have traditionally been very low. Moreover, many of the bookshop staff I've encountered in the Middle East were certainly not of graduate calibre — some, I suspect, were not even literate.

I recall one occasion in Dubai when, totally confused by the apparent lack of organisation on a bookshop's shelves, I thought I'd test the system by asking for the works of some reasonably well-known author.

"Shakespeare," the assistant repeated uncertainly. "I don't know." This, as it turned out, was a masterpiece of understatement: it wasn't merely a case of his not knowing where the Shakespeare was to be found; he'd never even heard of Shakespeare and the limit of his

Shakespeare who?

A book-worm takes a light-hearted look at the trials and tribulations of buying English-language books in the Gulf.

knowledge of English was the phrase he'd used on me — "I don't know."

So what was he doing working in an English language bookshop then, you're probably wondering? Well, of course, the answer — when I pursued the matter — was obvious: he was someone's cousin.

(Which reminds me of the case of a manager who was on leave, seized the opportunity to sack an entire group of workers and replace them with what must have been virtually every able-bodied male in his own village!)

Before arriving in the Gulf I'd always bought a couple of books every week but, in the end, the high prices of the Gulf's bookshops drove me to that most estimable of institutions — the British Council library.

Quite apart from the cost of books and the difficulty of finding your way around the shelves, there is also the matter of selection. Some Gulf bookshops always seem to be full of the remnants of the world's most obscure publishing companies.

There is no doubt that some pretty sharp salesmen have managed to dump some real worst sellers in the Gulf over the years — particularly in the non-fiction field.

Think of the most comically arcane title you can imagine and it's a safe bet that the book really does exist and that copies of it have been gathering dust on the shelves of a Gulf bookshop for years.

Extreme

At the other extreme, a bookshop may find itself lumbered with books that it could sell but doesn't. I recall one instance where a Gulf bookshop found itself with several thousand pornographic paperbacks on its hands. There was no ques-

tion of selling them — these were of the proverbial "clinically explicit" type — and the bookshop manager was at a loss to know what to do with them. Having taken delivery of the books, the shop was stuck with them: it couldn't sell them — long jail sentences and sound thrashings all round would be the likely outcome of any such attempt — but nor could it simply throw them away.

All it would need would be for some curious fellow to go foraging around the rubbish skip and then the books would soon be discovered and go into circulation.

Caught, as it were, between the devil and the deep blue sea, the bookshop manager settled for keeping the boxes full of porn in the spare bedroom in his flat. Eventually, however, deciding that this was too risky, he resolved to get rid of the contraband for once and for all.

Accordingly, one dark night two of the bookshop staff were dispatched into the desert in a car creaking under the weight of hundreds of pornographic paperbacks. Their mission was to find a secluded hollow somewhere in the dunes and there to make a bonfire of the evidence.

The problem was, of course, that while newspapers and other loose paper burn easily enough, boxes full of books are less flammable: despite all their nervous efforts, the pile of books simply would not burn.

Had they taken the time to tear a few dozen pages into little bits and get a good blaze going the books might have burned, but in their nervousness they kept trying to start the fire with the barest minimum of kindling.

In the end, their fear of being detected by some desert-roaming police patrol overcoming their reluctance to disobey their boss, they hurriedly scooped out a hole in the sand and

pushed all the books into it. The hole was filled in and then they quickly drove back across the desert to the road and then slunk back into town.

So, to this day, somewhere buried in the dunes outside a Gulf city, there is a cache of the most lurid pornographic literature just waiting to be discovered. Who knows, perhaps in years to come the books may be discovered, causing archaeologists to hotly debate the significance of such an extraordinary find.

Innocuous

Speaking of pornography, it always amazed me that while wholly-innocuous fashion magazines received the felt-tip marker treatment, obliterating all photographs of exposed flesh, some of the most innocuous of magazines — the ones that would have been carrying things too far — but they were kept, I'm told, in the time-honoured manner "under the counter."

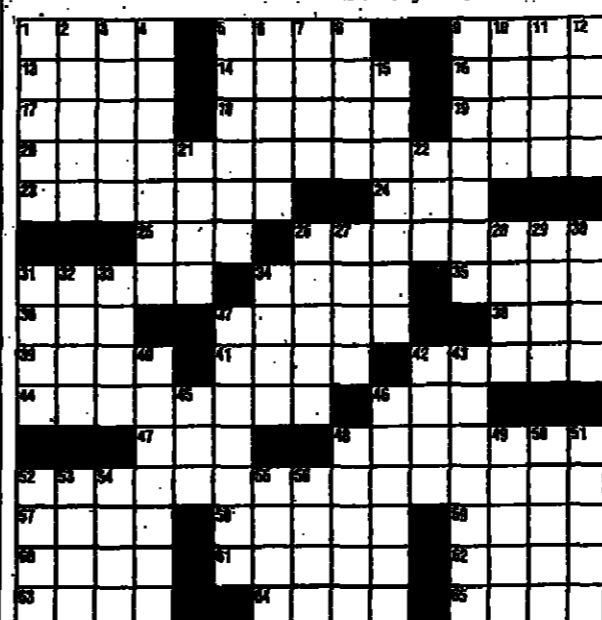
The magazines weren't actually on display of course — that would have been carrying things too far — but they were kept, I'm told, in the time-honoured manner "under the counter."

I've often wondered how it was that the sale of such magazines ever came to be permitted in a Gulf state and who the target customers were. Since the vast majority of people flying from or transiting the airport must have been totally unaware of the magazine's availability the volume of sales can't have been very high in any case, but were the purchasers expatriate businessmen, local nationals or perhaps Bangkok-bound roisterers looking for something to whet their appetites whilst en-route to the fleshpots of Thailand?

One thing is for sure: since many purchasers must have abandoned the magazines on the aircraft, not wanting to try to get them past the customs at whatever Gulf airport they were flying to, passengers boarding flights in the Gulf must have occasionally found the reading matter stuffed into the seat back pouches startlingly different to the normal in-flight fare of articles about falcons, dhow and camel races.

Courtesy: Middle East Expat.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
DOWN FOR THE COUNT

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ J 7 6
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ A 7 5
♣ K Q 10

WEST
♠ K
♥ 6 5 3
♦ Q 3 2
♣ 9 8 7 6 4 3 2 A 5

EAST
♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ Void
♦ K Q J 10 9 8 6
♣ A 5

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 8 3
♥ A K J 8 4 2
♦ 4
♣ J

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 4♦ 4♥ Pass
5♦ Pass 5♣ Pass
6♥ Pass 6♣ Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♦
Our friend the Rabbi would have been proud of South on this deal. But declarer's crucial decision was based on logic, not a lucky guess.

East's preempt caused a great problem for South. He chose the conservative course of an overall at the cheapest level. However, when North now came alive to show a hand worth an opening bid, the result was an odds-against slam — there were too many wasted values in clubs.

West led his partner's suit and, since declarer surely had to concede a club trick, it might seem that he would have to bank on either a doubleton king or K 10 + (x) of

spades with East. Declarer was in no hurry to commit himself.
He won the opening lead with dummy's ace, and ruffed a diamond high. Three rounds of trumps, ending on the table, drew all the opposing cards and revealed that East had been void of that suit. Declarer ruffed dummy's last diamond, then ran the jack of clubs. East took his ace and returned a club, declarer discarding two spades on dummy's club winners.

When East showed out on the third club, his distribution was known: 4-0-7-2. It might seem, therefore, that the percentage play in spades was to lead the jack for a finesse, playing for the spade king to be with the length. But that was impossible — East would never have preempted holding seven diamonds to the 100 honors, four spades to the king and an ace; he would have opened one diamond. So South played for his only chance. He banded down the ace of spades in the hope that West's singleton would be the king, and great was his reward.

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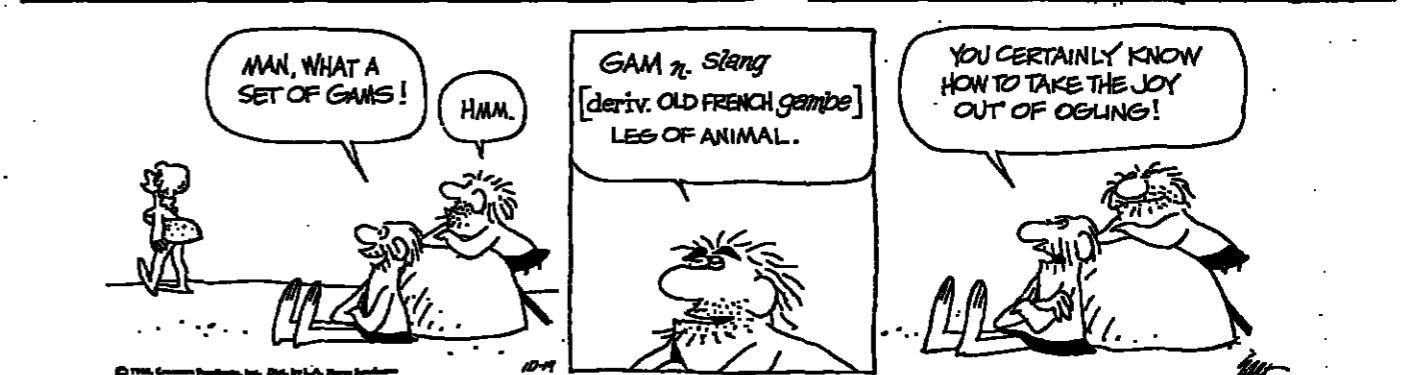
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will tend to be more reckless and should try to restrain yourself. Make sure you get all the rest you need. Luck will be able to take the place of judgment. Be more practical.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will have to make an extra effort but it will be worth it in the long run. The prospects are good but you must not think that things will just happen — hard work is needed. Do all you can to avoid being tempted to spend more than you well know you should.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Make sure you both look beneath the surface and that you act in the light of what you see. Do not place too much reliance on your memory, makes notes. Do not put into what is not really any concern of yours. Be hopeful.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>Make sure you do not lose the courage of your convictions. You should not rely on others to do for you what you know should be done by you. Avoid acting out of vindictiveness. Be moderate.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You will not have time to do all that you would like to do. Whilst you should keep an open mind towards innovations you should not innovate for the sake of something new and different. Take good care of your health. Be reliable.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>If you make a steady effort without allowing yourself to be distracted you will get what has to be done in time. You will be able to have a good laugh at yourself. Do not neglect a headache, it might be nothing but it could well be. Be resourceful.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>Not everything will be to your liking but there is little you can do to change things just now. You will be able to get your own back but should not be vicious about it. You are all too liable to take seriously something meant as a joke. Be more loving.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>You should show a little more goodwill towards. Make sure you do not jump to conclusions: if you do they will be wrong. Avoid neglecting necessary chores and doing only what you enjoy. Be open-minded.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You are more liable to lose things so be extra careful. There is nothing wrong with admitting it when you are wrong, quite the opposite. You must try harder to distinguish what is from what you would like to be. Be prompt.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to make a few changes but not as swiftly as you would have wished. You will have something to be pleased about but do not allow it to go to your head. Watch out for thieves and pickpockets. Be reliable.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You will be able to make yourself master of the situation. You must avoid eating so many sweet things and more by way of proteins. Make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. Be selective.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>Today you will feel more like your usual self and will be able to get on with things. Avoid having too many late nights. Do not believe all you hear, especially if you know it is gossip. Be less haphazard.</p>

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I have been taking a water pill for my high blood pressure for a long time. But when I went to my new doctor for the first time, he changed my medication, merely stating that my old pills were "no good." I never had trouble with this medicine, so could you explain why it should be changed?

ANSWER: Medicine is constantly changing as we discover new and more effective medications and find out even more about the older ones. Your water pills or diuretic (which promotes the excretion of urine) was probably a chemical called a "thiazide."

For more than 30 years, this class of medications was the first choice in treating hypertension since it was effective for most patients and was inexpensive. However, as time progressed and the results of treating hypertensive patients with thiazide diuretics were tabulated, it was noted that although strokes were reduced in these patients, there was no decrease in heart-related disease that also should have diminished.

It has been shown that total and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) increase in these

patients and could be a factor in increasing cardiac disease risk. Since newer drugs now exist that can do the job of lowering blood pressure and reducing cardiac risks, many physicians are re-evaluating use of this medication by their patients.

Thiazide diuretics have been extremely effective for many patients over an extremely long period of time, and some of the less desirable characteristics can be overcome by simple adjustments in diet, for example. In your case, it would seem that your new physician has decided a change was best for you, a situation that may not be the case in other individuals whose conditions are successfully controlled by water pills. Their doctors may choose not to fix what is not broken.

ACROSS MY DESK: The tragedy of AIDS is fearful enough when it strikes the adult population and slowly saps strength and life from a patient. But there is something particularly sad when this disease strikes children.

No one is more aware of that than Dr James M. Oleske, Professor of Pediatrics at

the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey at Newark. Dr Oleske has cared for more than 10 pediatric AIDS patients since the first case was diagnosed 10 years ago. As reported in Medical Week, Dr Oleske, addressing the American Academy of Pediatrics Medical and Science Writers Conference, stated that by 1991, there will be between 10,000 and 20,000 HIV (AIDS) infected children in this country, and the majority will be symptomatic.

This would mean that one out of every 10 pediatric beds in the United States would have an AIDS victim occupying it. The costs of care for pediatric AIDS could climb into billions of dollars.

AIDS children contract the disease through transfusion in 15 per cent of the cases and through perinatal exposure in the other 85 per cent of the cases. The mothers become infected through IV drug use and infected sexual partners. Ironically, more than half the mothers are unaware of their own disease until the diagnosis of AIDS is established in their infants.

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Saudi Arabia, Texaco to sign refining deal

LONDON, Nov 9, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and Texaco, the third largest US oil company, have finalised an \$800-million oil refining deal and will sign it in London tomorrow, spokesmen said today.

Under the joint venture agreement, Aramco Services Corp., acting on behalf of the Saudis, will buy a half-stake in Texaco's refining and marketing system in the US eastern and Gulf coast regions.

The 50-50 partnership will give Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, access to the world's largest retail gasoline market.

The deal was announced in June and was welcomed by Washington. A department of energy spokesman said at the time it was "a vote of confidence for our free market economic policy."

Spokesmen for both sides said today the Saudis will provide three-quarters of the initial oil inventory, estimated at 30 million barrels of crude oil and products.

Total crude exports drop

OPEC oil reserves increase by 31.48 bb

VIENNA, Nov 9, (OPECNA): OPEC member countries last year increased their proven crude oil reserves by 31.48 billion barrels, boosting the organisation's share of the world total to 75.9 per cent from 75.2 per cent in 1986.

According to the "annual statistical bulletin" issued by the OPEC Secretariat today, out of the world's proven crude oil reserves of 891.10 billion barrels in 1987, OPEC held 676.28 billion barrels.

Of the world's total proven natural gas reserves of 111.54 trillion cu. metres in 1987, OPEC's share comprised 41.54 trillion, or 37.2 per cent of the world figure.

Production

OPEC crude production fell from 18.33 million BPD in 1986 to 17.15 million BPD last year. Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela all recorded reduced output, while Iran, Iraq

and the United Arab Emirates posted production increases.

The declines were: Algeria from 673,900 BPD to 648,200 BPD, Ecuador (256,500 BPD to 180,900 BPD), Gabon (164,700 BPD to 154,500 BPD), Indonesia (1.26 million BPD to 1.16 million BPD), Kuwait (1.24 million BPD to 971,600 BPD), Libya (1.31 million BPD to 972,500 BPD), Nigeria (1.47 million BPD to 1.27 million BPD), Qatar (313,600 BPD) to 291,400 BPD, Saudi Arabia (4.78 million BPD to 3.97 million BPD), and Venezuela (1.65 million BPD to 1.57 million BPD).

Increases

The increases were: Iran from 2.04 million BPD to 2.30 million BPD, Iraq (1.88 million BPD to 2.23 million BPD) and the United Arab Emirates (1.31 million BPD to 1.42 million BPD).

OPEC's total crude oil exports fell by 2.4 per cent from 12.78 million BPD in 1986 to 12.01 million BPD last year. Only four

OPEC countries increased their crude oil exports, while the remaining nine showed a decrease.

Compared with 1986, net export increases recorded were: Iran (256,000 BPD), Iraq (332,000 BPD), the United Arab Emirates (83,000 BPD) and Venezuela (76,000 BPD).

Share

Net export decreases were registered in Algeria (2,600 BPD), Ecuador (74,500 BPD), Gabon (11,700 BPD), Indonesia (107,800 BPD), Kuwait (230,600 BPD), Libya (302,000 BPD), Nigeria (114,200 BPD), Qatar (27,000 BPD) and Saudi Arabia (642,800 BPD).

The organisation's share in world crude oil exports fell slightly from 56.1 per cent in 1986 to 53.7 per cent last year, while over the same period, its share of world production decreased from 32.6 per cent to 30.9 per cent.

OPEC's share in proven world gas reserves was 37.2 per cent, or

41.54 trillion cu. metres out of the total figure of 111.54 trillion cu. metres.

Within OPEC, Iran had the highest individual reserves of 14 trillion cu. metres, followed by the United Arab Emirates (5.41 trillion), Qatar (4.44 trillion) and Saudi Arabia (4.13 trillion).

Total OPEC natural gas production went up from 331.61 trillion cu. metres in 1986 to 353.12 trillion last year, an increase of 6.5 per cent.

OPEC's total refining capacity rose from 6.55 million BPD in 1986 to 6.63 million BPD last year.

Only two of the member countries increased their refining capacities: Ecuador from 94,600 BPD in 1986 to 139,000 BPD last year and Venezuela from 1.22 million BPD to 1.26 million BPD.

The value of total OPEC petroleum exports increased from \$78.83 billion in 1986 to \$5.70 billion last year.

Development

The value of OPEC's non-petroleum exports rose from \$24.18 billion in 1986 to \$24.58 billion last year.

Indonesia recorded non-petroleum exports worth \$10.16 billion, followed by the United Arab Emirates (\$3.26 billion), Algeria (\$2.15 billion) and Qatar (\$192 million).

OPEC's share in the world tan-

World Business Summary

Saudi Arabian exports up

JEDDAH, Nov 9, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabian exports went up by 16 per cent to over \$23 billion during fiscal 1987-88. According to a Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) report. The report released here on Monday said the kingdom's trade surplus rose from \$1.06 billion in 1986 to \$3.73 billion marking "the first positive growth" in the last three years. The agency attributed the recovery to an increase in oil prices, repatriation of private capital from abroad for domestic investment and the rise in private sector exports. The report said non-oil exports maintained their upward trend, rising by 25 per cent to \$2.51 billion. The industrial and agricultural sectors were reported to have registered gains during the year, with wheat production at 2.50 million tons, barley at 250,000 tons. The industrial sector brought in more than \$2.13 billion in foreign exchange. In money and banking, SAMA said the increase recorded was 5.4 per cent or \$2.29 billion, while currency in circulation and bank deposits accounted for about 15 and 85 per cent respectively of the total increase in money supply during the year. Commercial banks, which opened 37 new branches in the kingdom this year, increased their foreign assets by \$4.13 billion to \$27.28 billion and their foreign liabilities by \$2.72 billion to \$6.54 billion.

NNPC signs petrochemicals pact

LAGOS, Nov 9, (OPECNA): The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) signed an agreement on Monday with Du Pont of Canada on the construction of a polyethylene plant under the second phase of the Nigerian petrochemical complex. The plant, to be sited in Eleme, will cost \$1 billion, about 80 per cent of which is expected to be obtained in loans from the World Bank as well as local and foreign private investors, the Inter-Press Service (IPS) news agency reported.

Petroleum Resources Minister Alhaji Rikman Lukman, who signed on behalf of NNPC, said market studies had shown that local demand would be adequately met by the various grades of polyethylene to be produced at the plant. Under the agreement, Du Pont will make its linear polyethylene technology available to Nigeria. Meanwhile, NNPC has also signed a "licence agreement" with the Institut Francais Du Petrole for Butene-1 technology required for the manufacture of linear low-density polyethylene. Lukman said the signing of both agreements marked "a significant milestone in Nigeria's drive to the petrochemical world."

Dutch exporters keenly looking for new outlets

Tulip trade still growing after 400 years

HILLEGOM, The Netherlands, Nov 9, (Reuters): When business gets hectic on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, dealers might be heard talking about "Tulip trade."

They are referring to an extraordinary 17th century episode known as Tulip mania, when speculation in Tulip bulbs became so frenzied in the Netherlands that fortunes were made and lost in a day.

Tulips, national symbol of the Netherlands, are still big business in this country, the world's largest producer and exporter of flower bulbs.

Image

This year the country grew about nine billion bulbs and with an 80 per cent share of the world export market, it earned almost one billion guilders (\$508 million) from sales abroad.

"Tulips are a useful symbol for boosting our country's image abroad, but they also make a significant contribution to the national economy," said Robert van Waveren, president of the International Flowerbulb Centre, which promotes the sale of Dutch bulbs in more than 100 countries.

As bulb production increases at home, more than doubling in the last 15 years, Dutch exporters are keenly looking for new outlets beyond their traditional market base in Europe and the United States.

However some countries, such as Australia, are proving insensitive to the charms of bulbs.

The Australians ban all foreign plants for fear of imported viruses and would not accept a gift of lower bulbs from Dutch Queen Beatrix when she recently visited their country.

The Dutch, also the world's number-one sellers of cut flowers, cultivate at least 1,000 bulb varieties, including Gladioli, Lilies, Daffodils and Hyacinths.

But by far the most important crop is the Tulip, grown in every colour, shape and size on nearly half the country's 16,000 hectares (40,000 acres) of bulb fields.

Few bulbous plants originate in the Netherlands. The Tulip was brought to Europe from Turkey in the 16th century.

It is generally believed that the bulb, from which its roots in the 1590s, when Carolus Clusius, professor of botany at Leiden University, first planted a Tulip in the Netherlands.

Popular

The bulbs thrived in the sandy soil along the North Sea coast between Leiden and Haarlem, a narrow strip of land about 50 km (30 miles) long which is still the centre of the Dutch bulb industry.

By the early 1600s Tulips had become a popular luxury for the wealthy Dutch merchant classes and a lively trade in the bulbs

began.

"Holland was a very rich country then, and people had the time and money to spend on flowers," explained Van Waveren.

As the passion for Tulips spread across Northern Europe, prices soared with the rarest types fetching thousands of gold florins for a single bulb.

Fashionable ladies in Paris sewed Tulip petals on their dresses instead of costly jewels, while in Holland a bulb sprouting red and white striped flowers sold for today's equivalent of \$5,000 plus a horse and carriage.

Dreams

"The Dutch bulb growers had succeeded beyond their wildest dreams, they had created a 'national chic'," writes historian Simon Schama in a recent study of 17th century Dutch culture.

At the height of the Tulip mania, between 1634 and 1637, the flowers themselves were often irrelevant as dealers began trading in Bulb Futures, buying and selling paper contracts for future deliveries.

The pace of dealing became so hectic, with prices sometimes doubling in a day, that the government intervened and restored sanity by prohibiting all speculative trade in bulbs.

Today bulbs are traded in the Netherlands much like any other commodity, with specialised bulb brokers liaising between wholesalers and some 4,000

growers.

Auctions are held twice weekly at the official bulb exchange in the western town of Hillegom.

Soviets in new soybean meal purchase

WASHINGTON, Nov 9, (AP): The Soviet Union has purchased an additional 300,000 metric tons of US soybean meal for delivery this marketing year, the Agriculture Department announced yesterday.

The Soviets last week purchased 535,000 metric tons of soybean meal and 250,000 tons of soybeans for delivery in the 1988-89 marketing year, which started Oct 1.

Further details were not released by the department. But the sale could have a value of more than \$67 million, based on average US government estimates of around \$225 per ton in the current marketing year.

Iran, China sign pact on industrial co-operation

TEHRAN, Nov 9, (OPECNA): Iran and China signed a letter of understanding on industrial co-operation here yesterday incorporating the design, engineering and manufacture of equipment for refineries, power stations, ports and jetties.

The agreement, which also calls for production of industrial parts and exchange of raw materials, was signed by Chinese deputy Minister of Machine Building, Electronics and Industries Gao Ming Sheng and Iranian deputy Industries Minister Mehr Alizadeh.

Under the accord, the two countries will co-operate in the joint manufacture of drilling equipment, paper manufacturing machinery, compressed reservoirs and boilers for sugar factories.

Meanwhile, a Chinese delegation of mineral and industrial experts arrived here yesterday to study mineral and geological co-operation between the two countries.



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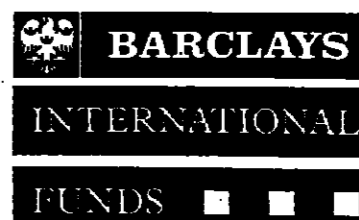
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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10-11, 1988

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEY LIFE	278.0
ADT LTD	129.0
ADL LYONS	445.0
AMSTRAD	187.0
ARGYLL GP	163.0
ASDA GP	143.0
BAA	281.0
BTR	291.0
BAT INDS	45.00
BARRIS	404.0
BEAZER	178.0
BEECHAM	459.4
BERTSFORD	395.0
BICC PLC	370.0
BLUE ARMY	91.0
BLUE CIRC	457.0
BOD GP	420.0
BODS CO	226.0
BR COM	245.0
BR AIRWAY	166.0
BR AEROSP	497.0
BR GAS RG	165.0
BR GAS RT	161.0
BR LAND	341.0
B.P.	250.0
B.P. PP	147.5
BR TELCOM	247.0
BURMAN OL	531.0
BURTON	200.0
CABLEWAYS	385.0
CADBURYS	359.0
COATS VTY	172.0
COMS UNIT	329.0
COMS GMD	175.0
COOKSON	270.0
COURTAULD	282.0
DALGETY	333.0
DIXONS	139.0
ENG CHINA	482.0
ENTER OIL	578.0
F&I BARCK	133.0
FERRANTI	96.0
FISONS	45.00
GATEWAY	166.0
GEN ALEC	847.0
GLAND	72.82
GLAND	72.82
GRANADA	335.0
GLOBE	146.5
GLYNED	301.0
GUARD RYL	175.0
GKN	329.0
GUINNESS	340.0
HARRISON A	658.0
HARRISON C	150.0
HARRISON D	671.4
HARRISON E	555.0
HILLSDOWN	264.4
ICI	025.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	759.0	760.0
600 GROUP	120.0	121.0
A. AMER TS	366.0	366.0
A. S. ELECT	452.0	450.0
A. S. W. HLD	194.0	195.0
AAB KENT	93.0	92.0
AAN HLD	269.0	269.0
AARONSON	126.0	125.0
ADDISON	40.0	40.0
ADVEST	355.0	356.0
ALEX WRCW	170.0	171.0
ALEXON	348.0	348.0
ALLD COLL	127.4	128.0
ALLD I MW	234.0	232.0
ALLD I B	237.0	238.0
ALLD LNW	133.0	132.0
ALLD PLMT	69.0	70.0
ALLIANCE	849.0	850.0
AMBER DAY	50.4	50.4
AMEC	368.0	367.0
AMER TST	134.6	134.0
AMERSHAM	567.0	567.0
AMH HLTHC	223.0	222.0
ANGLIA TV	223.0	222.0
ANSBACHER	83.0	84.0
APPYARD	464.0	462.0
APV PLC	129.0	129.0
ASHLEY LA	112.0	113.0
ATWOODS	312.0	314.0
AUST REED	370.0	368.0
AUTO SECS	264.0	265.0
AVDEL PLC	79.5	81.0
AVESDO	119.0	120.0
AVIS EUR	349.0	349.0
AVON RUBB	697.0	695.0
B. JEWELL	212.0	213.0
BAILL JAP	459.0	460.0
BAILL SHI	78.4	79.0
BAIRD (W)	234.0	233.0
BANK IRE	239.0	239.0
BANKER IT	74.0	74.0
BARKER DO	118.4	119.0
BARTY DEV	181.0	181.0
BAWES C	29.0	29.0
BBA GROUP	173.0	174.0
BEAR B.M	3.4	3.0
BEAR BOND	10.6	10.6
BEATTIE J	160.0	165.0
BEJAN GP	198.0	198.0
BELHAVEN	53.0	53.0
BELLWAY	243.0	243.0
BEMOSE	227.0	228.0
BENLOX HD	56.0	57.0
BENKLEY	274.0	275.0
BHAM MINT	445.0	442.0
BHH GROUP	102.0	102.0
BK OF SCO	355.0	355.0
BLCK LF	12.6	13.0
BNNETT +	31.4	32.0
BOASE NAS	251.0	251.0
BODDINGTN	164.0	164.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1479.8	1491.0	1474.3	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1048.0	1048.0	1043.5	957.6
FT ALL SHR	961.04	961.04	951.58	870.22
FT GOV SEC	88.69	88.69	88.59	88.49
FT DOW IND	174.8	174.8	171.6	302.1
FT NINES F	575.37	575.37	563.99	450.65
FT OIL	175.17	175.17	174.12	166.36
FT MLD DLR	132.76	132.76	132.98	115.04
FT MLD STG	111.17	110.51	111.67	110.62
FT MLD LOC	117.87	117.12	118.05	99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES CLOSING NEAR DAY'S LOWS, TRADING DULL. LONDON, NOV 9, REUTER - SHARES WERE CLOSE TO THEIR LOWS ON THE DAY IN DULL AFTERNOON BUSINESS, GIVING UP MOST OF THE GAINS SCORED YESTERDAY IN ANTICIPATION THAT GEORGE BUSH WOULD WIN THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, DEALERS SAID.

THE BUSH VICTORY PROMPTED PROFIT-TAKING AND BY 1534 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS DOWN 17.2 TO 1,479.8 AFTER A LOW OF 1,420.1. YESTERDAY IT HAD GAINED 20.9 POINTS.

"PEOPLE WERE EXPECTING A REPUBLICAN WIN, BUT TODAY'S ACTION SHOWS THE MARKET NOW WANTS SOME SIGNS THAT BUSH CAN MAKE INROADS ON THE U.S. BUDGET AND TRADE DEFICITS," ONE DEALER SAID. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD WEAKEN THE DOLLAR FURTHER, HE ADDED.

CONTINUING WORRY ABOUT THE WEAK DOLLAR HAS UNDERMINED WALL STREET RECENTLY AND COULD DEPRESS WALL STREET FURTHER WITH NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR LONDON.

SOME OBSERVERS THINK THE FEDERAL RESERVE COULD TIGHTEN POLICY TO SUPPORT THE CURRENCY, WHICH WOULD LIFT U.S. TREASURY BOND YIELDS. THIS WOULD HAVE A KNOCK-ON EFFECT ON THE U.K. GOVERNMENT BOND (GILT) MARKET AND EFFECTIVELY CAUSE A DOWNWARD REVALUATION OF THE EQUITY MARKET.

"IF GILT YIELDS RISE FOR WHATEVER REASON CASH WILL BE PULLED OUT OF EQUITIES AND THE MARKET WILL FALL," A TRADER SAID. EQUITY INVESTMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN HIT BY HIGH U.K. INTEREST RATES.

London Gold

LONDON, NOV 9, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES CONTINUED TO PUSH HIGHER DURING LATE AFTERNOON TRADING, AS RENEWED WEAKNESS IN THE DOLLAR AND FIRMNESS IN NEW YORK FUTURES ENSURED A CLOSE AT THE DAY'S HIGHS, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD ENDED AT 422.80/423.30 DLR AN OUNCE, UP FROM AN OPENING 419.40/419.80 AND LAST NIGHT'S CLOSE OF 418.20/418.70 DLR.

TODAY'S WEAKNESS IN THE DOLLAR IN THE WAKE OF THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OFFSET THE DISINFLATIONARY IMPLICATIONS OF LOWER OIL PRICES. CONSEQUENTLY, GOLD MOVED BACK UP INTO ITS RECENT 420/425 DLR TECHNICAL RANGE, THEY SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, NOV 9, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CONTINUED LITTLE CHANGE IN LATE TRADING, AS THE MARKET WAS UNAFFECTED BY THE DECISIVE VICTORY OF REPUBLICAN GEORGE BUSH IN THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

SHORT-TERM ATTENTION WILL RETURN TO DOMESTIC FACTORS. TRADERS ARE BRACING FOR A FLURRY OF U.K. ECONOMIC INDICATORS NEXT WEEK WHICH INCLUDE PRODUCER PRICES, MONEY SUPPLY AND BANK LENDING, AND AVERAGE EARNINGS FIGURES.

STERLING WAS 0.2 UP ON ITS TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX AT 76.9. IT GAINED AGAINST A WEAK DOLLAR BUT WAS LOWER AGAINST THE MARK. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS STEADY AT 12-13 1/8 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.7835/45	1.7720/25	6.0515/45	NOON
STG	1.7835/45	3.1555/1620	10.7870/8005	NOON
DMK	1.7687/7767	3.155/169	29.21/37	FIX
FFR	6.0495/0615	10.790/808	34.1/341.7	FIX
SFR	1.4913/4923	2.6577/6610	84.05/15	24.60/63
HFL	2.0005	3.5670	112.785	33.025
ECU	1.16873	0.655190	2.07332	7.07957
YEN	1.34118	0.753684	2.39025	8.15437
SDR	124.52/62	221.65/96		
SDR RATES	08/11/1988	OTHERS	09/11/1988	

BOOY SHOP	602.0	603.0	NESTAIR	324.0	325.0	SAVILLE G	48.0	48.0
BOOT HENR	389.0	388.0	NETWOOD	280.0	279.0	SAVOY "AM"	795.0	795.0
BOOTH BUCK	58.0	59.0	NICKSON IN	234.0	235.0	SCHW. GLOB	232.0	232.0
BR ARROW	105.0	106.0	HIGGS HIL	355.0	353.0	SCOT HERR	182.0	182.0
BR ASSETS	69.0	70.4	HMBRO CITY	78.0	80.0	SCOT I.T.	130.0	130.0
BR DREGRI	135.0	134.0	HMBRO CITY	250.0	251.0	SCOT NET	146.0	146.0
BR VITA	229.0	229.0	HMBR SPHR	168.0	168.0	SCOT MORT	105.0	105.0
BRENT CHE	133.0	132.0	HOLMES PR	129.0	129.0	SCOT. AM.I	94.4	94.4
BRENT MCR	376.0	376.0	HOLDEN GP	124.0	124.0	SCOT. NAT C	31.0	31.0
BRIDON	171.0	171.0	HOPKINSON	105.0	105.0	SCOT NAT Y	89.0	90.0
BRITAIN SE	177.0	178.0	HTY GROUP	296.0	295.0	SCY MAT I	7.0	7.0
BRITANNIC	343.0	342.0	ICE.FZ.FD	325.0	322.0	SECS TST	104.4	104.4
BRIXTON E	353.0	355.0	INRY M.OV	425.0	426.0	SENA GRP	323.0	323.0
BSYANT GP	128.0	129.0	INDPMOT W	12.0	12.0	SHANDWICK	473.0	470.0
BSG INTL	63.0	63.0	INOCO PLC	28.8	28.4	SHERATON S	82.0	83.0
BSR INTL	69.0	69.0	INT. BU. CH	122.0	124.0	SHON ENG	302.0	304.0
BULL BUGH	47.0	47.0	INT. CITY	95.0	96.0	SINGERSPR	71.0	72.0
BULMER HP	162.0	162.0	INV. CAP.	354.4	357.0	SMITH D	323.0	323.0
CALABONDIA	357.0	355.0	JUNSKIFFR	45.2	45.4	SOUND DIF	25.0	25.0
CALOR GRP	381.0	382.0	JOX HDLGS	137.0	138.0	SPRING RAM	191.0	191.0
CAMB ELEC	264.0	261.0	KALAMAZOO	47.0	47.0	SPRK-SARC	204.0	205.0
CAMFORD E	186.0	186.0	KALON GRP	36.4	36.4	ST. ANDREW	185.4	186.0
CANNING W	230.0	233.0	KELT ENG	34.00	36.00	ST. MOWEN	36.4	37.0
CANNON ST	282.0	283.0	KETSON	73.4	74.0	STREY	97.0	96.0
CAP. RADIO	439.0	440.0	KLMRT CHR	122.6	123.4	STEETLEY	342.0	342.0
CARADON	343.0	342.0	KLMRT O'S	131.0	130.0	STIEM PR	155.0	155.0
CARLICO EM	176.0	176.0	KLMRT SML	156.0	156.0	STORMGULAR	13.0	13.0
CATER AL C	670.0	673.0	KMIF SAVE	349.0	350.0	STURGE ND	226.0	225.0
CATERAL CA	350.0	350.0	KWIK-FIT	114.4	115.0	SUTER	237.0	237.0
CATTLE HO	63.0	64.0	LAING 'A'	299.0	301.0	TELEMETRX	44.4	45.0
CAULDON	9.4	10.0	LAING ORD	299.0	301.0	TELERENTS	333.0	338.0
CENTL ITV	594.0	595.0	LAING PRP	511.0	510.0	TEMPLE BA	213.4	213.4
CNAM PHRR	153.0	154.0	LAIRO GRP	252.0	253.0	THEMS TV	416.0	417.0
CHAS CHUR	20.4	20.4	LANDLEIR	369.0	367.0	THERMAL S	221.0	220.0
CHAS CHUR	99.0	100.0	LAUNCE W	143.0	147.0	THOMSON T	73.0	65.0
CHLORIDE	61.0	61.0	LAURET	188.0	187.0	THORNTONS	332.0	332.0
CHRISTIES	595.0	595.0	LDN SHIP	219.0	219.0	THROGTON	195.0	196.0
CHRYSLER	45.4	46.0	LDN SHOP	297.0	298.0	THURGOOD	37.0	37.0
CITR SEC	53.0	53.0	LDN WTD	135.0	132.0	TIE RACK	89.0	91.0
CNTRY OIL	157.0	157.0	LDNWDIN	133.0	134.0	TIME PROD	219.0	219.0
COALITE	333.0	333.0	LEX SERVC	378.0	379.0	TOKWINS F	222.0	221.0
COALTES	299.0	298.0	LIFE SCIE	55.0	55.0	TOTAL	111.2	112.0
COLLINS A	467.0	468.0	LILLEY PJ	54.0	54.0	TOZER KEM	100.0	100.0
COLLINS W	546.0	545.0	LIT	156.0	156.0	TR CITY	76.6	76.6
COLLOROLL	170.0	172.0	LLOYD TNP	208.0	210.0	TR INDUST	129.0	129.0
COLLOROLS	269.0	267.0	LOCAL LND	526.0	523.0	TR PACIFIC	54.2	54.4
COSTAIN	325.0	325.0	LOGICA	386.0	387.0	TR PROFITY	52.4	52.4
COSTAIN PR	210.0	210.0	LON (NW)	678.0	677.0	TR TRSTEE	133.0	133.0
COVIE (T)	147.0	147.0	LOMBONNER	223.0	224.0	TRAVISBAR	460.0	460.0
CRH	128.0	128.0	LOMDES	73.0	73.0	TRIMCO	47.0	47.0
CRODA INT	192.0	193.0	M&G GROUP	305.0	307.0	TRIPLEX	192.0	192.0
CRYSTALAT	165.0	166.0	M.C.PACIF	172.0	176.0	TRITON ER	138.0	138.0
CTRY PROP	261.0	261.0	M&H	242.0	244.0	TRSPRT DV	238.0	239.0
DARES DES	67.6	67.4	MAJESTY	91.0	91.0	TR TMO	7.0	7.0
DAVID COR	160.0	161.0	MAJIED	216.0	217.0	TV ENTER	308.0	307.0
DAVID COR	160.0	161.0	MANDERS	211.0	210.0	U-BORKLAND	101.0	101.0
DE LA RUE	476.0	475.0	MARKEATH	77.4	78.0	U-BRD ST	35.4	35.4
DELTA GRP	290.0	292.0	MARLEY	167.0	167.0	U-BROADWL	188.0	189.0
DEVENISH	318.0	319.0	MATTHEWS	83.4	84.0	U-CIFER	10.4	10.4
DEWHIRST	41.4	42.0	MCCORD	108.0	108.0	U-CITYSSH	94.0	95.0
DIPLOMA	213.0	214.0	MCKEINWIE	329.0	329.0	U-DEWEY W	125.0	125.0
DORSON P	95.0	95.0	MEWICS	227.0	229.0	U-DURHAM	58.0	58.0
DOUGLAS R	308.0	308.0	MEWIES	305.0	308.0	U-ELORGE	580.0	580.0
DOWDINGEN	62.0	62.0	MERCER. TST	157.0	158.0	U-EXPLAUR	50.4	51.0
DOVINGEN	227.0	228.0	MERLIN IN	114.0	113.0	U-FIELDS	49.0	50.0
DRAYTON C	477.0	478.0	METAL CLS	215.0	216.0	U-FLOYD E	21.2	21.4
DRG	405.0	494.0	METALRAN	89.0	88.0	U-FRO SEL	112.0	112.0
DUKENIDR	71.0	72.0	MEYER INT	416.0	416.0	U-HMD PT	268.0	267.0
DUNESTRE	294.0	295.0	MIDSUMMER	179.0	178.0	U-JAGH. INT	145.0	145.0
DUNHILL	121.0	120.0	MIL HUSSE	115.0	115.0	U-MANES	56.0	56.0
EAGLE TST	24.0	24.0	MIL CHLT	166.0	166.0	U-ISRAEL	21.2	21.4
EALING	158.4	159.0	MOLINS OR	220.0	220.0	U-KINICK	42.0	42.0
ELECTROCR	197.0	198.0	MONKS IT	214.0	213.0	U-LDN FRF	169.0	169.0
ELLIS EVA	167.0	168.0	MORGAN CR	243.0	244.0	U-LINCH HS	7.0	7.0
ENAP	219.0	220.0	MORGAN GF	324.0	326.0	U-LINCH VT	4.6	4.6
EMPIRE ST	225.0	225.0	MORLAND	653.0	650.0	U-MICROVT	44.0	44.0
ERA GROUP	71.0	71.0	MOUNTLEIG	173.0	174.0	U-MOLINAR	54.0	53.0
EURO. HOME	315.0	315.0	MOULEN J	390.0	390.0	U-MRRYDUN	400.0	400.0
EUROTHERM	402.0	402.0	MRRY INCL	182.4	182.4	U-PAVON	5.2	5.4
EURTNL UT	348.0	348.0	MRRY INTL	184.0	183.4	U-RINDSMTH	186.0	187.0
EURYNE WD	21.2	21.0	M.S. INCL	121.0	121.0	U-SAGS INCS	97.0	98.0
EVODE GRP	189.0	188.0	M.S. ENGL. IND	131.6	132.0	U-SELECTED	16.0	15.0
EXPANET	196.0	197.0	NET. TELCH	148.0	148.0	U-STH BR	339.0	337.0
F&C ENTER	28.0	28.0	NEWARTHIL	788.0	775.0	U-STHPOSE	234.0	234.0
F&C EUROF	229.0	229.0	NORCROS	351.0	350.0	U-T. V. AN	159.0	159.0
F&C PACIF	139.0	140.0	NORFOLK C	33.0	33.4	U-TRAD W	8.0	8.0
F&C SHILLR	70.4	70.0	C NORWALD	35.0	35.0	U-TRAD W	7.0	7.0
FARNELL E	146.0	145.0	NORTHANBR	368.0	367.0	U-UTIC GRP	20.0	20.0
FARNELL E	280.0	280.0	NORTH OP	172.0	172.0	U-UNIS LEI	47.0	47.0
FEMMER JH	181.0	181.0	NSR PL C	73.0	73.0	UNDERWOOD	90.0	91.0
FERGUSON	264.0	263.0	NURDNPED	179.0	179.0	UNION DIS	506.0	502.0
FILINAK J	75.0		O'SEAS IT	184.0	184.0	UNITECH	222.0	222.0
FILINAY J	125.0	125.0	OCEAN TPT	266.0	265.0	UTD. INDUS	60.0	61.0
FITCH LON	258.0	258.0	OCEANICS	18.0	19.0	UTD. SCIE	192.0	192.0
FKB GP NW	284.0	285.0	OSSORY EST	20.4	20.4	VALUEALINC	54.0	54.0
FKB GROUP	288.0	287.0	OMERS AB	77.0	77.0	VALSK GRP	697.0	697.0
FLING ANER	121.4	122.0	OXFORD INS	255.0	255.0	VERNON	30.0	30.0
FLING F.E	187.4	189.0	P & O WTS	58.0	58.0	VE INSTMT	326.0	326.0
FLING INIV	148.0	149.0	P & P PLC	241.0	241.0	VICKERS	178.0	179.0
FLING JAPN	204.0	206.0	PACIFIC A	132.4	134.0	VIRGIN GP	134.0	134.0
FLING MERC	180.0	180.0	PAGE (M)	45.0	46.0	VPI GROUP	164.0	163.0
FLING TECH	171.2	171.0	PENKOS PLC	94.0	94.0	VARG. BORG	345.0	345.0
FOR SCOL	112.4	113.0	PENKOS INC	111.0	112.0	VARG. HLDG	133.0	133.0
GP	52.0	52.0	PERRY GRP	210.0	210.0	WARDLE ST	652.0	652.0
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HAZELWOOD	230.0	230.0	RUSLAND T	40.0	41.0	VOLVEDD	591.0	592.0
HEATHCOTE	441.0	442.0	RYAN INTL	120.0	120.0	WPP GRP	45.0	44.0
HENKES	31.0	32.0	SAGA GRP	234.0	234.0	YST MATOR	608.0	609.0
HERALD B	292.0	293.0	SALE TINY	193.0	192.0	YATTAVALBO	351.0	353.0
HEPHORTH	238.0	238.0	SAVENSEN	172.0	172.0	YORK CHEM	234.0	235.0

Dollar drops sharply

Financial markets turn lower

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (Reuters): Financial markets quietly cheered the US election victory of George Bush but then lost ground today as investors began to fret over a sharp drop in the dollar and economic problems facing the new president.

"There will be no honeymoon in the financial markets (for Bush) because what's troubling the markets transcends politics," said Allen Sinai of the Boston Company.

Tokyo stocks rallied on the Bush win, but Wall Street opened lower and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down slightly at mid-morning.

Gains
The dollar fell two pence to 1.7660 marks, giving up recent gains. The benchmark 30-year bond fell two-thirds of a point to 101.08 as its yield rose to 9.00 per cent.

While Bush, much favoured in the financial community, won strongly as expected over Michael Dukakis, the Democrats retained control of both the Senate and House of Representatives.

The split decision heightened

concern on Wall Street that political conflict might hurt bipartisan efforts to cut the huge US budget and trade deficits.

Earlier, Asian stock markets rallied on Bush's victory but London stocks fell after the dollar began to slide.

Pressure

The pressure on the dollar pointed to the no-nonsense mood in the financial markets, where there is a feeling Bush must demonstrate a strong commitment to slashing the budget and trade deficits.

"The incoming administration needs to start reassuring the markets quickly about what they're going to do," said one dealer in London.

The strong showing by Democrats in the congressional elections, and Bush's vow to avoid new taxes, pointed to intense political conflict on key economic issues.

"The surprise politically was the increase strength of the Democrats in Congress," said Sinai.

"There's a perception that Dukakis was anti-Wall Street and anti-big business," said Jon

Grovesman of Ladenburg Thalmann and Company. "So in that sense the stock market is better off. But there are still questions about how Bush can work with Congress. There are so many forces out there larger than one man who is elected president."

Victory

Since Wall Street believed strongly that Bush would win the election and this had already been discounted, his victory gave no cause for a rally. But some saw his decisive win as a plus.

"As Bush gained points, we rolled along with it," said a trader at Yamaichi Securities Company Ltd in Tokyo, where the stock market closed higher with the Nikkei average up 205.51 points or 0.73 per cent to 28,212.78.

"Any celebration (over Bush's victory) will be very brief," said Newton Zinder of Shearson Lehman Hutton. "Then people will go back and worry about mundane things like inflation, interest rates, the dollar and federal reserve policy."

Larry Wachel of Prudential-Bache Securities said: "The Dow

industrials have been in a trading range, and I don't see anything that happened in the election that's going to change that."

Ability

Wachel said that in the aftermath of the election, the financial markets will assess Bush's ability to cut the budget deficit. "How he reduces the budget deficit is a key factor," he said.

During the election campaign the budget deficit was barely mentioned since it raised politically unpopular issues of raising taxes or cutting spending.

Grovesman said that after the Bush victory is absorbed, investors will take a hard look at the US credit in reaction to recent signs that the US economy is strengthening.

Ironically, the strong economy buoyed Bush's election performance but now poses an inflation threat.

"People voted their pocketbook," said polling analyst Sheldon Gawiser of NBC, after the network found in exit polls that Bush benefitted from a feeling of economic well-being among Americans.

Insurance company calls for rate hike

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A KUWAITI motor insurance company has called for a rate increase, saying that current premiums set by the Ministry of Interior amount to less than what a car owner spends each year to have his car washed.

The current tariffs have not been set with the client's safety in mind, said Elias Bedewi, technical consultant for Gulf Insurance Co.

Property damages insurance should be separate from death and bodily injury insurance he said. Property loss claims are easy and quick to settle, but injury claims require more time, effort and documentation.

Compensation
Insurance rates here have been the same since January 1981 even though there are now more cars and more numerous and severe road accidents, he said. The court's awards of compensation have also increased, he added.

An alternative to increasing the existing tariff would be to have property damage insured separately at an additional premium, Bedewi said.

"If we go back to the annual cost of insurance, we notice that it does not reach the amount paid for a car wash over less than 12 months," he said.

Out of about 650,000 cars insured in Kuwait, more than 100,000 are insured with Gulf Insurance Co.

With an average annual premium for a family car at KD14, the company's income

from third party motor vehicle insurance policies is about KD1.4 million. But this line of business costs the company over KD2.5 million in claims, Bedewi said.

Damage to cars due to collisions should be surveyed immediately, assessed and sent for repair or the owner should be compensated for a total loss if the vehicle is irreparable or the expected cost of the repair exceeds the car's insured value.

There are cases where an insurance company has doubts about the cause of the accident and whether it falls under any of the policy exclusions. If the car was driven by someone who was drunk or without a valid licence instead of going to the police station for an investigation report on the spot, the driver settles the matter amicably with the other driver and reports the accident next day against an "unknown".

Compromise

In such cases, the insurance company may repudiate liability altogether but, in the absence of evidence to support its decision, may offer a compromise settlement of 50 per cent of the actual cost of repairs, Bedewi said.

The main difference between Kuwait's insurance system and the American system is that here compensation follows courts awards in most cases of death or bodily injuries. But in America the rating system (insurance premium) may change monthly.

Jordan grapples with economy as Hussein seeks Arab aid

AMMAN, Nov. 9. (Reuters): As Jordan grapples with an economic crisis and a run on the dinar, all eyes are on King Hussein, who is on a surprise Gulf tour in a reported quest for Arab aid.

"People are hoping the king will persuade Abu Dhabi, the Saudis, the Kuwaitis or whoever, to help their Jordanian brothers in time of need," a Western diplomat said.

King Hussein, with no senior officials accompanying him, flew to Qatar today on a previously unannounced trip after stops in Kuwait and Bahrain, and will also visit Oman.

The 1978 Arab summit in Baghdad pledged to give Jordan \$1.25 billion a year for a decade, but actual aid has dwindled sharply with only Saudi Arabia honouring its commitment fully.

Aid
Prime Minister Zeid Al-Rifa'i said this month Arab aid arrears equalled Jordan's \$6.5 billion foreign debt.

Jordanians working abroad, whose remittances are another key source of foreign exchange, reduced their transfers after King Hussein cut ties with the

occupied West Bank in July.

Officials deny there was a significant drop, but bankers say the migrant workers, many of them Palestinians living in the Gulf states, have cut remittances by more than half.

Jordan has scrupulously met its debt repayments and has a good international credit rating, but progress has been slow on plans announced in June to arrange a \$200 million syndicated loan led by Bahrain-based Gulf International Bank BSC (GIB) GIOB.BH.

Bankers say the kingdom, which has chronic trade and budget deficits, needs a minimum of \$200 million immediately to restore ebbing confidence in the dinar.

Assets

The currency has plunged since the Central Bank began a managed floatation in mid-October, losing a fifth of its dollar value at Central Bank rates and a third on the free market.

Moneychangers priced the dinar as low as 365 fils to the dollar today, compared to the Central Bank's 460 fils.

Amman's Stock Exchange is doing a roaring trade as investors shift out of dinars into real assets. "We have had heavy trading all week," a source at the market told Reuters. "The problem is it is a one-way market, everyone wants to buy."

He said 2.75 million dinars worth of shares changed hands yesterday, about seven times last month's daily average.

The government has banned luxury imports for a year and hiked customs duties on non-essential items. It is preparing to cut development spending in its budget for calendar 1989, but has pledged to maintain subsidies on basic commodities.

Goods
Prices for some imported goods have risen by up to 30 per cent and economists say it is unclear how the government can achieve its target of keeping inflation within single figures.

"It's a crisis of trust in the people steering the economy and setting monetary policy," said one exchange dealer. "They have to be changed and money has to be pumped in."

Jordanians have long been accustomed to a standard of liv-

ing which economists say does not match their country's meagre natural resources and limited industrial base.

"We are talking of a deep change in consumption patterns," the Western diplomat said.

Banking conference planned

ABU DHABI, Nov. 9. (OPECNA): More than 50 Arab banking institutions will attend a conference opening here on Nov 19 on greater co-operation among Arab banks.

The three-day gathering, sponsored by the Arab Banking Union in co-operation with the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates, will also discuss prospects of co-operation between Arab and foreign banks.

The meeting, which will also be attended by foreign banks, will hear Dr Abdullah Al-Quwatli, chairman of the Arab Monetary Fund, on barriers facing Arab banking co-operation and how to eliminate them.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov. 9. (Reuters): Stocks closed firmer on lower turnover as the US presidential election kept a lid on activity. The All Ordinaries index rose 1.9 to 1,564.6.

TOKYO: Prices closed higher after the market's favoured choice, George Bush, won the US presidential election. The Nikkei index rose 205.51 to 28,212.78.

HONG KONG: The market closed weaker as short-term profit-taking eroded early highs inspired by George Bush's US presidential victory in this trade. The Hang Seng index finished 4.04 points down from yesterday's 2,587.02.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed marginally higher over a broad front, but were off their early highs in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.19 points to 1,026.46.

BOMBAY: Closed for holiday.

ZURICH: Swiss shares closed slightly lower in cautious trading as dealers awaited fresh signals from financial markets after the US elections. The All-Share Swiss index closed 2.2 points lower at 933.3.

PARIS: French share prices turned lower in mid-session after an initial rise on news that George Bush had won the US presidency. The 50-share bourse indicator was 0.25 per cent down at about 1200 GMT after starting the morning 0.12 per cent up.

LONDON: Shares were closed to their lows on the day in dull afternoon business, giving up most of the gains scored yesterday in anticipation George Bush would win the US election. At 1534 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 17.2 points to 1,823.4.

NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks remained lower in late morning trading but were regaining some early losses. The Dow was off two points at 2125.

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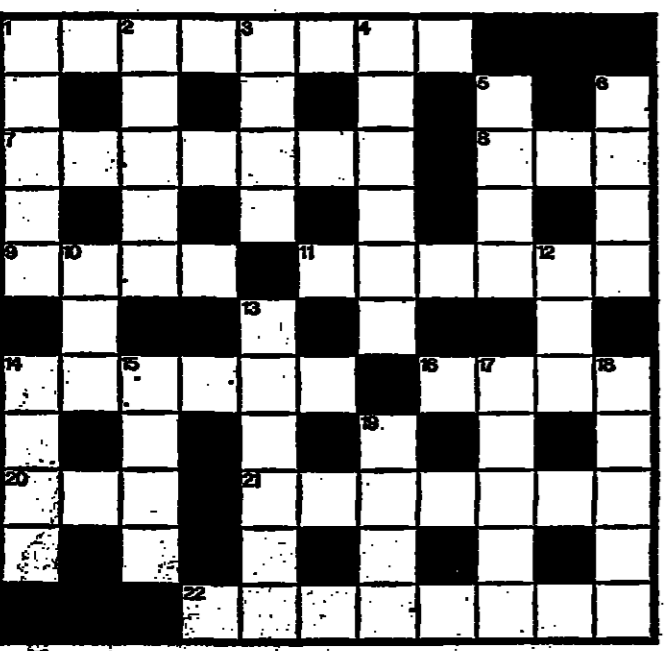
Dear Junior Readers,

In our technological age, people are very interested in what we can do with science. Our world is full of wonderful machines that can do things people would never have believed possible even 100 years ago. But as fantastic as these inventions are, I cannot help thinking what a pity it is that art is no longer considered to be of much importance. I believe that if someone has a talent for painting, drawing, making music or writing, then they have a very special gift whose place in life is just as important as a talent for scientific things.

For this reason, I am very pleased to see that there are still people who care enough about art to organise competitions like the one I gave you details of in Tuesday's Junior Times. I do hope that a lot of you will take part in the competition. Even if you do not win a prize, I am sure you will really enjoy creating your piece of work and, you never know, you might discover talents you never knew you had!

Auntie Jayne

CROSSWORD



- Across**
- 1 Yellow-flowered narcissus (8)
 - 7 Most misty (7)
 - 8 To be in debt (3)
 - 9 The pig's skin (4)
 - 11 Expels air noisily from the nose (6)
 - 14 To cause pollution (6)
 - 16 Heavenly body as seen at night (4)
 - 20 Centre of the solar system (3)
 - 21 Floating, frozen mass (7)
 - 22 Put off until a later date (8)
- Down**
- 1 Ladies of some distinction (5)
 - 2 Holder for pictures (5)
 - 3 To do as instructed (4)
 - 4 To have a purpose (6)
 - 5 A sight-seeing journey (4)
 - 6 Place of communal eating (4)
 - 10 The night before (3)
 - 12 Light, afternoon meal (3)
 - 13 Fish often served with chips (6)
 - 14 The hour of twilight (4)
 - 15 Penalty involving payment of money (4)
 - 17 Belonging to them (5)
 - 18 Showed great annoyance (5)
 - 19 Used to be (4)

Solution on Tuesday

By Sara Cone Bryant

The little Field Mouse

ONCE upon a time, there was a little brown Field Mouse; and one day he was out in the fields to see what he could find. He was running along in the grass, poking his nose into everything and looking with his two eyes all about, when he saw a smooth, shiny acorn lying in the grass. It was such a fine shiny little acorn that he thought he would take it home with him; so he put out his paw to touch it, but the little acorn rolled away from him. He ran after it, but it kept rolling on just ahead of him, till it came to a place where a big oak tree and its roots spread all over the ground. Then it rolled under a big, round root.

with a soft tapping sound, ahead of him, so down he went too. Down, down, down, rolled the acorn, and down, down, down, went the Field Mouse, until suddenly he saw a tiny door at the foot of the stairs.

The shiny acorn rolled to the door and struck against it with a tap. Quickly the little door opened and the acorn rolled inside. The Field Mouse hurried as fast as he could down the last stairs, and pushed through just as the door was closing. It shut behind him, and he was in the room. And there, before him, stood a queer little Red Man! He had a little red cap, and a little red jacket, and odd little red shoes with points at the toes.

"You are my prisoner," he said to the Field Mouse. "What for?" said the Field Mouse. "Because you tried to

steal my acorn," said the little Red Man.

"It is my acorn," said the Field Mouse; "I found it."

"No, it isn't," said the little Red Man, "I have it; you will never see it again."

The little Field Mouse looked all about the room as fast as he could, but he could not see any acorn. Then he thought he would go back up the tiny stairs to his own home. But the little door was locked and the little Red Man had the key. And he said to the poor Mouse, "You shall be my servant; you shall make my bed and sweep my room and cook my broth."

So the little brown mouse was the little Red Man's servant, and every day he made the little Red Man's room and cooked the little Red Man's broth. And every day the little Red Man went away through the tiny door and did not come back till afternoon. But he always

locked the door after him, and carried away the key.

At last, one day he was in such a hurry that he turned the key before the door was quite latched, which, of course, didn't lock it at all. He went away without noticing — he was in such a hurry.

The little Field Mouse knew that his chance had come to run away home. But he didn't want to go without the pretty, shiny acorn. Where it was he didn't know, so he looked everywhere. He opened every little drawer and looked in, but it wasn't in any of the drawers; he peeped on every shelf, but it wasn't on a shelf; he hunted in every closet, but it wasn't in there. Finally, he climbed up on a chair and opened a wee, wee door in the chimney piece — and there it was!

He took it quickly in forepaws, and then he took



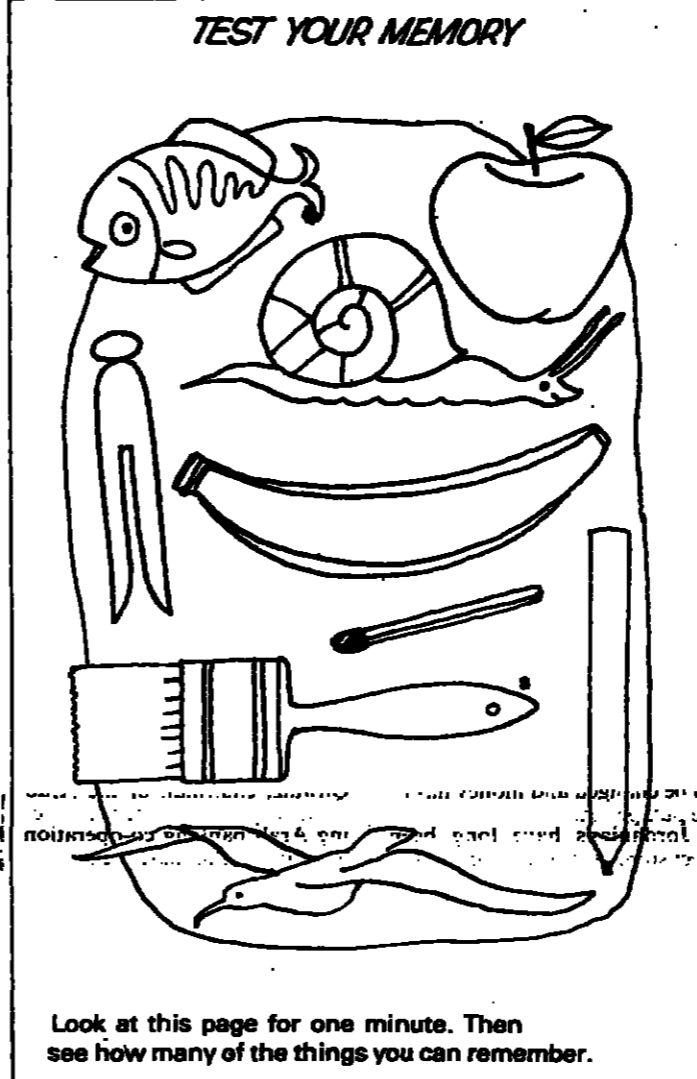
it in his mouth, and then he ran away. He pushed open the little door, he climbed out up the little stairs; he came out through the hole under the root; he ran and ran through the fields; and at last he came to his own house.

When he was in his own house he set the shiny acorn on the table. I expect he set it down hard, for all at once, with a little snap, it opened! — exactly like a little box.

And what do you think!

There was a tiny necklace inside! It was a most beautiful tiny necklace, all made of jewels, and it was just big enough for a lady mouse. So the little Field Mouse gave the tiny necklace to his little mouse-sister. She thought it was perfectly lovely. And when she wasn't wearing it she kept it in the shiny acorn box.

And the little Red Man never knew what had become of it, because he didn't know where the little Field Mouse lived.



Look at this page for one minute. Then see how many of the things you can remember.

RIDDLE-ME-REE.

The first is in also in

the second in and also in **TOOL**

third is in also in

the fourth is in **FOUR** but not in

the fifth is in also in

the last is in also in

Find the six letters to spell the mystery word.



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Clue: Police rank (8 letters)

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Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE MOST CONSISTENTLY WET PLACE ON EARTH IS MOUNT WAiale-Ale ON KAUAI IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS WHERE RAIN FALLS ON AVERAGE 335 DAYS PER ANNUM AND THE MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL IS 451in (11455mm).

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1 OR 2 bedroom fully furnished flat required for an European family. Tel. 2405340, 8 am - 4 pm. (AT5-44742-3)

PREFERABLY Kheitan, Hawalli or near the city. One room required for a computer engineer, to share with a family or bachelors. Tele. Mr. Noaman, 2466047, mornings. 5754387, evenings. (AT5-44751-3)

For Rent

BAYAN, Block 6, Road 22, House 29. New Villa: 1st and 2nd floor with a garden. Tele. 2510248, mornings: 5391085, evenings: Mr. Ali. (AT6-44765-3)

FOR SALE

Cars

TOYOTA Corona 1986 automatic, white, full options. 46000 kms. KD2000. KD450 for owner. KD87 per month by instalment. Tele. 4872239, Res. 5515901, Off. (AT4-44725-3)

MITSUBISHI Colt 1984, white, four door, hatch-back, automatic, first registered in 1985, AC, 42000 kms. Lady owner in excellent condition. KD850. Tele. 4884485. (AT6-44759-3)

HYUNDAI Stellar GSI 1.6 '87 model, red. Tele. Mr. Meslem, 2553485, 2519987. (AT6-44755-3)

NISSAN Stanza '82, registered in 1983, automatic, sunroof, white, in good condition. Tele. Mr. Farooqi, 3946978. (AT5-44739-2)

TOYOTA Crown Super Saloon '83, fully automatic, metallic blue, 75,000 kms, registered up to August '89, in excellent condition. KD 1400. Tele. 4885173, after 2 pm. (AT5-44747-2)

Miscellaneous

KUWAIT Airways return ticket (Bombay to Kuwait) issued in the name of Hameeda Begum Mohd. Issa has been changed with Mr. Shahul Harneed at the Kuwait Airport on 8th November. He is requested to kindly contact Mr. Issa immediately. Tele. 2427831. (AT6-44784-3)

COLLECTION of old stamps and coins for sale. Tele. Mr. Nader, 4717421. (AT4-44695-6)

A FUR coat of the rare Russian Fox (not used) for sale. For details please Tele. 2436253. (AT6-44748-3)

FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, flats, complete buildings, offices in all areas in Kuwait with or without swimming pool

Qatar Real Estate
Tele. 2406592,
2406593

MARKET PLACE

JABRIYA: 1 bedroom flat, CAC with tele, furniture, microwave, refrigerator, appliances, BBC computer, typewriters, dresses new and old, size 14, best offer. Owner leaving Kuwait. Tele. 533-5805. (AT4-44724-3)

WEDDING dress — beautiful, English made, white, size 12. Also choice of two veils and fully frilled petticoat. Tele. Mrs. Young, 2420610 (9 am - 6:30 pm) or 4891716 (after 6:30 pm). (AT6-44753-3)

IBM electronic typewriter type 75 memory and many other functions, in good condition. Full instruction manual, KD130, electric boiler, KD10, exercise bicycle, KD35, bowling balls 2x ladies, 1xgents, each KD8. Tele. Mr. Edwards, 4833763, Off. 5749023 Res. after 6 pm. (AT4-44727-3)

ABBASIYA: single bedroom furnished flat with AC, fridge, double bed, cooking range, dining table, washing machine, wardrobe, vacuum cleaner, exercise bicycle and many other items. Tele. 5610304, 9 am - 12:30 pm. (AT6-44762-3)

PING PONG table, exercise rowing machine, exercise bicycle, garden furniture, and dining table for sale. Tele. 5316954. (AT4-44717-3)

SALWA: nice spacious 2nd floor flat with balcony; 3 bedrooms available in Dec 88 including carpets, complete furniture and equipment for sale KD1500. Rent KD350. Tele. 5626781, Home, 2404268, Off. (AT4-44733-3)

2-BEDROOM flat including tele, behind Amman Street for sale, KD 600. Rent KD 150. Available from December 1. Tele. 4713622 Ext. 108 or 110, 7.30 am - 12:30 pm, 4-7 pm. (AT5-44736-3)

Computers

APPLE II + Compatible, 2 Japanese disk drives, Amber monitor, Epson compatible Japanese printer, full word-processing detachable keyboard, Wordstar, dBase II, Basic, games... in good condition. KD150. Tele. Mr. Nishat, 4743392, after 1 pm. (AT5-44690-3)

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Computer Studies

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- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- Database Management
- Graphics & Art
- Business Applications
- Programming
- Networking
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- Project Management
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- Customer Service
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- Human Resources
- Finance & Accounting
- Law & Compliance
- Health & Safety
- Environmental Management
- Research & Development
- Innovation & Creativity
- Leadership & Teamwork
- Communication Skills
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Time Management
- Organization Skills
- Planning & Scheduling
- Prioritization
- Delegation
- Collaboration
- Conflict Resolution
- Negotiation
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۳۰ ربیع الاول ۱۴۰۹ھ - جمعرات ۱۰ نومبر ۱۹۸۸ء - صحت سبب سے احمد علی علیہ السلام



دھمکیوں سے مرعوب ہو کر اپنی پالیسیوں میں تبدیلی نہیں کریں گے، شیخ سعدی جودھندرا گاندھی اور دشت گردوں میں امتیاز نہ پا کر اپنے شہرینہ عربوں کو قتل جاری رکھے گی، یہودیوں پر پش کاغذوں

یہ یلیکون ایدو اناناب سدریش نے پیاس میں تھکا لیس راستوں میں فصاحت کی آگ بھڑک کر اس کے دل سے نکلا اور اس کے جسم پر نہ رہا بلکہ وہ زمین پر گر گیا اور کہا کہ ہمارے پاس تو کچھ نہیں ہے۔

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یہاں پر عرب اسرائیل کی فتنہ بازی کا اصل کرنے میں کامیاب ہوئے گئے

یہاں پر اسرائیلیاں بھی تہذیب کی تبدیلی نہیں ہوئی، اسرائیلی حکام اس کا علم نہ ہو رہے ہیں اور وہاں یہی کہیں مفاد پرست صرف لکھتے ہیں کہ اگر وہ عربوں کے سامنے اپنی تہذیب کی تبدیلی نہیں ہوئی ہے تو یہاں پر عربوں کی فتنہ بازی کا اصل کرنے میں کامیاب ہوئے گئے۔ یہاں پر اسرائیلیاں بھی تہذیب کی تبدیلی نہیں ہوئی، اسرائیلی حکام اس کا علم نہ ہو رہے ہیں اور وہاں یہی کہیں مفاد پرست صرف لکھتے ہیں کہ اگر وہ عربوں کے سامنے اپنی تہذیب کی تبدیلی نہیں ہوئی ہے تو یہاں پر عربوں کی فتنہ بازی کا اصل کرنے میں کامیاب ہوئے گئے۔

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ایران اور عراق میں زخمی جنگی قیدیوں کا پرنٹ کر اس کئی تنظیمات کا جائزہ



اعظمیٰ رتبعزیت

نمبر ایک محمد زید صاحب
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Stuttgart tennis

STUTTGART, West Germany, Nov 9. (Reuter): Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia lost 6-4 7-5 to Ecuador's Andres Gomez while American Tim Mayotte was beaten 7-5 6-3 by West German Carl-Uwe Steeb on the opening day of the Stuttgart Tennis Classic yesterday.

Chicago tennis

CHICAGO, Nov 9. (Reuter): American Lori McNeil overcame a slow start to roll over eighth seed Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany and score a minor upset at the \$250,000 Chicago tennis tournament yesterday.

London GP

LONDON, Nov 9. (Reuter): Third seed Andrei Chesnokov joined the long list of withdrawals from the London Grand Prix tennis tournament today when he pulled out just before his opening match.

Rebel circuit

SYDNEY, Nov 9. (Reuter): The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) tour, a rebel tennis circuit set up by the world's leading players, will come into effect in 1990, tennis Australia President Brian Tobin said today.

IOC commission

BRUSSELS, Nov 9. (Reuter): Athletes need protection from unscrupulous coaches and advisers willing to advocate banned drugs in an effort to make money out of their charges, International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission chairman Prince Alexandre de Merode said.

Jack Nicklaus

PEEBLE BEACH, California, Nov 9. (AP): Jack Nicklaus, suffering from a degenerative back condition, said yesterday he will seek further medical advice before he decides whether he can play golf in tournaments again.

Asia hockey

NEW DELHI, Nov 9. (Reuter): Results on the sixth day of the Asian zone men's junior World Cup hockey qualifying round today.

Bangladesh beat Hong Kong 4-0 (halftime 2-0). Scorers: Jamil Pervez (13th, 19th mins), Wajid Islam (49th), Abdullah (69th).

Pakistan beat China 14-0 (5-0). Scorers: Tahir Zaman (6th, 12th, 40th, 49th, 64th), Shahbaz Ahmed (19th, 27th, 54th, 69th), Mussadiq Hussain (33rd, 68th), Mohammad Shahid (57th, 60th), S.N. Zaidi (66th).

In Saturday's semifinals, Pakistan play India and South Korea play Bangladesh.

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Powerboat race to be held next week

By Gail Seery

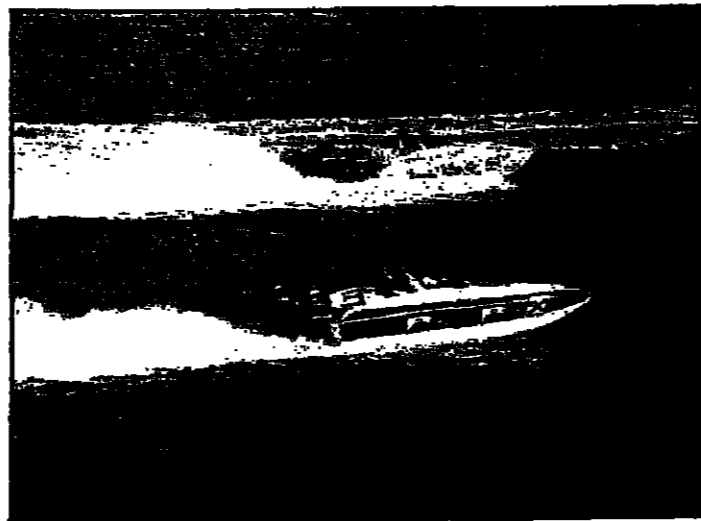
FOLLOWING the success of the 3rd Bi-annual Offshore Powerboat Race, which was held on October 28, under the sponsorship of the Arab Times/Seyassah newspapers, a further race will now be held on Thursday, Nov 17, and entitled the Kuwait Local Powerboat Race.

With the Arab Times/Seyassah races, care was taken to ensure that the races were of a sufficiently high calibre to attract overseas entrants. This was achieved, and these new races are geared towards local entrants, though anyone from outside will not be barred from competing.

Ordinary

In order to increase the number of boats participating, the boats will be split into two classes. Class A will be for racing boats, and Class B will be for ordinary boats. No driver should be discouraged from entering a race of this type because he does not have a fancy new catamaran hull — the Dubai races have been won by fishing boats on more than one occasion, and the faster racing boats are often more vulnerable to sea and weather conditions than their standard counterparts.

The idea to hold the race stemmed from the fact that most of the Kuwaiti drivers who were expected to be top contenders in the earlier races had problems



Action shot from the 3rd Bi-annual Powerboat Race held in October.

which either prevented them from starting or else pushed them out of the running early in the race.

Part of the problem was that immediately following the second race in June, a number of racers had bought new boats. For the most part, by the time these were ready, and had arrived in Kuwait there was little time left for testing or improvement before the race.

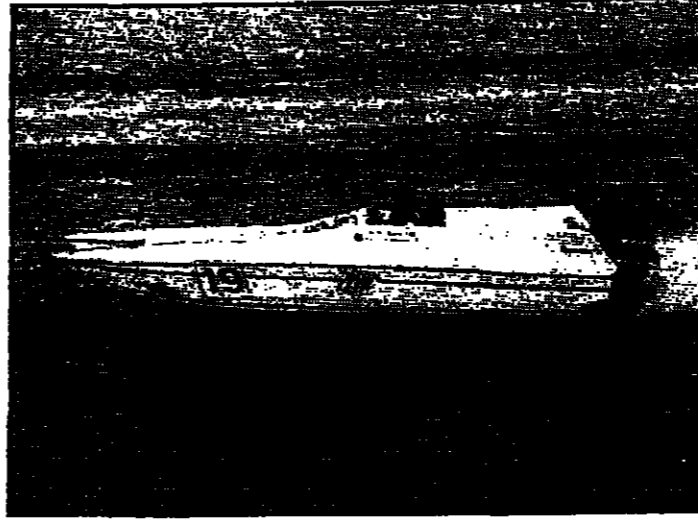
As in most speed-orientated motorsports, the racers definitely get a strong urge to carry on racing, and with the Gulf calendar of powerboat races currently featuring only three to four races a year, two of which are in

Kuwait, any further opportunity to test themselves, their skills and their boats against the best local competition is eagerly accepted.

The impetus behind this race comes from Hossam Al Sayafe, who is organising and backing the event. "We were not happy after the last race because we all had so many problems. We wanted to have another race as quickly as possible just for fun. We plan to hold these twice a year, which together with the Arab Times/Seyassah races will make four races a year."

Support

"The idea is to help to improve racing in Kuwait," Sayafe added that he had found a great deal of



support from government bodies, but none from KTV. "We want everyone to come and race," said Sayafe, adding that three cups would be awarded in each category.

Sayafe will not be racing this time. Before the October race he flipped his 24-ft. Sha'ali Tiger-cat, tearing a large hole in the fibreglass. Neither he, nor his throttleman Amjad Qutaineh was seriously injured, though Qutaineh had to spend a couple of days in hospital.

Sayafe is prominent in the fledgling Kuwait Society of Racers, with Mishal Al Jarallah. The main aim of the organisation is to promote the sport here and to ensure that it grows in a safety

conscious and enjoyable way.

The sport is struggling uphill in Kuwait, in comparison to Dubai where royal patronage and vast amounts of money ensure that there are ample rewards for competitors. The Kuwait events will almost certainly grow, so long as they continue to attract people who love to compete for competition's sake.

It is still hoped that a Gulf-wide challenge can be developed, so that there will be a Middle East powerboat champion at the end of each year. The racers are currently planning to travel to Jordan for a special race to be held there on Dec 16, and intend to enter the next Dubai race.

Werder Bremen survive late Celtic onslaught

BREMEN, West Germany, Nov 9. (Reuter): Werder Bremen of West Germany survived a late onslaught from Scotland's Glasgow Celtic yesterday to hold the visitors to a scoreless draw and advance to the quarterfinals of the European Cup.

The match, in which Bremen defended a 1-0 first leg lead, was a bad-tempered affair in which neither side were able to breach their opponents' defence.

Celtic's only real scoring came in the 61st minute when Mark McGhee scraped the bar with a swerving shot from 22 metres.

Header

Werder's best scoring opportunities were confined to the first 20 minutes. A powerful header from Bremen striker Karlheinz Riedle was headed off by the goalkeeper by Chris Morris in the 14th minute and Celtic goalkeeper Pat Bonner managed to smother a Mirko Votava drive from the edge of the goal area five minutes later.

Results

In Istanbul: Galatasaray (Turkey) 5 Neuchatel Xamax (Switzerland) 0 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Galatasaray — Ugur (19th minute), Cuncet (52nd), Ugur (75th), Tanju (80th, 87th). Galatasaray win 5-3 on aggregate.

In Bucharest: Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 1 Dundee United (Scotland) 1 (halftime 0-0). Scorers: Dinamo Bucharest — Mateut (83rd min). Dundee United — Brammont (79th). Dinamo Bucharest win 2-1 on aggregate.

In Rome: AS Roma (Italy) 2

Parizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 0 (1-0). Scorers: Rudi Voeller (20th), Giuseppe Giannini (72nd pen). Aggregate score 4-4. AS Roma win on away goals rule.

Galatasaray's Ugur Tutuneker (left) lies on the ground after scoring against Neuchatel Xamax in their European Cup match. Galatasaray won 5-0. (Reuterwirephoto)



Problems pile up for Platini

PARIS, Nov 9. (Reuter): The problems facing new French national team chief Michel Platini grew yesterday with an escalating row about the recall of Jean Tigana as captain.

The experienced Tigana retired from international soccer last year but Platini has said he wants the Bordeaux player for the World Cup qualifier with Yugoslavia in Belgrade on November 19, his first match in

charge.

Present captain Manuel Amoros and goalkeeper Joel Bats, the two most capped players in recent French teams, have both publicly criticised the move.

Amoros said he did not mind giving up the captaincy but thought it wrong to bring in people who had deserted the ship when it was sinking. Bats said he found the decision to recall

players such as the 33-year-old Tigana "bizarre".

"We stayed and we went through a difficult period but we never gave up," he said.

Three members of the team who won the 1984 European championship, Tigana and defender Patrick Battiston and Max Bossis, have all retired from the national team though all still play in the French First Division.

British soccer results

LONDON, Nov 9. (Reuter): Results of British soccer matches played yesterday:

English League Cup, third round
Everton 1 Oldham 1 (eventual winners away to Bradford of Southampton in the fourth round)

English Division Two
Ipswich 3 Walsall 1

English Division Three
Aldershot 2 Sheffield U. 0

Brentford 2 Notts County 1

Bristol City 0 Wolves 1

Bury 2 Chester 1

Fulham 2 1

Gillingham 1 Blackpool 0

Huddersfield 0 Bolton 1

Northampton 1 Port Vale 3

Preston 2 Wigan 2

Southend 2 Bristol R. 2

Swansea 3 Mansfield 1

Postponed: Chesterfield v Cardiff

English Division Four

Bury 1 Lincoln 4

Darlington 1 Cambridge 1

Grimsby 5 Doncaster 2

Halifax 3 Colchester 2

Leiston 0 0

Rotherham 3 3

Torquay 1 Rochdale 0

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